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Mel Gibson movie featuring Native actors premieres in Chickasaw Nation

Tribe hosts *Apocalypto* special benefit at Riverwind

GOLDSBY, Okla. - Proceeds from a benefit event and preview screening of the new Mel Gibson film *Apocalypto* hosted by the Chickasaw Nation will be donated to the Mayan people of Mexico and several Oklahoma organizations.

The December 1 screening at the tribe's Riverwind Casino south of Norman prior to the film's Dec. 8 general release attracted a number of corporate sponsors who donated a total of $150,000.

More than $50,000 in additional funds was raised through ticket sales to the event.

Mr. Gibson promised to match all proceeds from the benefit dollar for dollar.

Proceeds from the special benefit event will go to the Mayan People of Mexico, the Oklahoma Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America Inc., Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa and Oklahoma City Indian Clinic.

"This event provides an opportunity to support a number of organizations that are doing great work," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We are enjoying success in our business ventures and we feel it is very important to express our appreciation to the community in a meaningful way."

Another benefit to American Indians may be the fact that Gibson scoured the Americas to cast the film with only indigenous actors.

"It is very important to note that Mr. Gibson has gone to great lengths to cast indigenous people in this film," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This not only helps make the film more realistic, it serves as an inspiration to Native American actors who aspire to perform relevant roles in the film industry."

Rudy Youngblood, who plays the lead role of Jaguar Paw, is of Comanche, Cree and Yaqui heritage. Youngblood lived in Ada for a time before moving to Los Angeles to pursue a career in acting.

His acting debut has been described as powerful and riveting.

"I'm so proud of what he was able to achieve," said Mr. Gibson.

Youngblood felt an immediate connection with the character of Jaguar Paw.

"Jaguar Paw is a lot like me," he said. "We're from different eras but very much the same person. He is strong. He's a giver, not a taker. He loves his family. He's respectful, and he learns in the course of the story not to be afraid. This is also what I've been taught in my culture."

Also known as Tee-Dee-Nae (Strong Boy), Youngblood is an accomplished powwow dancer, boxer and cross country runner. In the film, he performed most of his own stunts.

"The physicality of this film was gut-wrenching and some of the scenes – jumping off the waterfall and being chased by the jaguar – were literally heart-pounding for me," said Youngblood. "There was constant adrenaline, constant action, and

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Apocalypto director Mel Gibson, center, presents a buffalo skin to Gov. Bill Anoatubby during the Dec. 1 Apocalypto benefit event at the tribe's Riverwind Casino. Jhane Myers, Oklahoma publicist for Mr. Gibson, is at left.

Chickasaw students and sponsors with Mel Gibson during the Dec. 1 preview of Apocalypto at Riverwind Casino. Bottom row from left, Sharon McLaury, Toni Pace, Nikki Miller, Brittany McLaury and Jerica Marsh. Back row from left, Codie Bolin, Mr. Gibson and Jonah Puller.

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Case wins Pontotoc District runoff

Katie Case, right, is sworn in as Pontotoc District tribal legislator by Chickasaw Nation Chief Justice Barbara Smith during ceremonies Dec. 18. Mrs. Case's husband, Wayne Case, holds the Bible for the swearing in.

ADA, Okla. – Katie Case received 1,713 votes to win the runoff election for Pontotoc District Seat 3. Mrs. Case defeated Matthew Morgan, who received 1,103 votes.

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder announced the result Dec. 12.

KATIE CASE

Mrs. Case and Mr. Morgan qualified for the runoff as the top two candidates in a 13-man field in a special election conducted to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Mooniene Ogee.

Oath of office ceremonies for Mrs. Case was sworn into office during ceremonies Dec. 18 at Chickasaw Nation Headquarters.

Mrs. Case will serve the remainder of Mrs. Ogee's term, which expires Sept. 2008.

For more information contact Ms. Loder at (580) 310-6475 or toll free at 1-888-661-0137.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
November 17, 2006

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle,

Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, H.D. Gardner, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Sue Simmons, Matthew Morgan, Ron Frazier, Jeff Frazier, Jessie Kemp, Carolyn Hill, Gale Dutcher, Gene Hill, Tony Choate, Melissa Walker, Barbara Goodman

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given at a later time.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - October 20, 2006

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve the October 20, 2006 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of October 20, 2006 carried unanimously.

Invocation

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 24-009, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

There is a need for a new facility to house the Legislative Department of the Chickasaw Nation. For many years the Legislature has been conducting business in the David Stout Building. This building provided the Tribal Legislature with its own facility for the first time since before statehood. Now the needs of the Legislative Department can be better served with a new, modern facility designed to utilize the advances of architectural design and technology of the 21st century. This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of $4,784,949 for the construction of the New Legislative Building.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR24-009.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods,

Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR24-009 carried.

General Resolution Number GR24-010, Authorization for Issuance of Bonds – CNHS Health Complex

This resolution authorizes the incurring of indebtedness in the principal amount of not to exceed $90,000,000 and the issuance of the Chickasaw Nation revenue bonds (CNHS Health Complex) (the "Bonds"); providing for the purpose for which the Bonds may be issued; authorizing the sale and delivery of Bonds; authorizing a Bond Indenture and other documents as may be necessary or required; authorizing the limited waiver of sovereign immunity of the Chickasaw Nation in connection with the Bonds; providing for the compliance with applicable federal law relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal taxation purposes of interest on the Bonds; containing other provision relating thereto.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR24-010.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR24-010 carried.

General Resolution Number 24-014, Tribute to Legislator Mooniene Ogee

This resolution recognizes and acknowledges with great appreciation and admiration the loyalty and dedication of our colleague Legislator Mooniene Ogee for the enrichment and betterment of Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw citizens and Indian people. Further, this resolution approves a donation in the amount of eleven thousand dollars ($11,000) from its unobligated budgetary funds to the Chickasaw Foundation, in the name of Mooniene Ogee, to be awarded by the Chickasaw Foundation as scholarships for students majoring in education. This is to be administered by the Chickasaw Foundation as a perpetual scholarship upon the requirements attached hereto. Still further, this resolution rescinds, repeals and replaces GR24-002.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Alexander to approve GR24-014.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,

Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-014 carried unanimously.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

(A) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 24 - 004, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County (Tabled in Session October 20, 2006)

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Paoli, Garvin County, Oklahoma, containing approximately10 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to bring GR24-004 from the table.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to bring GR24-004 from the table carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve

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Maintaining our independence, loyal to tribe and country

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

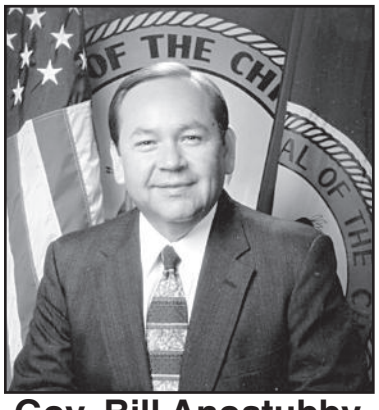
Every year at this time, I find myself reflecting on our tribe, our people and our hard-fought battles to reclaim our tribal sovereignty.

We have come a very long way together. And those Chickasaws who preceded us – our trailblazing ancestors – overcame wave after wave of challenge to build the foundation on which our modern tribe grows and prospers.

Once you study and understand our unique and compelling Chickasaw history, you develop a deep appreciation for our forebears. They were warriors, tested in battle and reputed throughout the Southeast for their courage and fierceness. They were family people who cherished their spouses, their children, their elders and all in the extended family. They were smart and innovative, developing real workable strategies to protect and defend the tribe, and to ensure good, solid communities.

Our Chickasaw history tells us all these things, and more. As you study the Chickasaws, you can actually envision our people, how they interacted, how they survived and flourished and how they met the many challenges after contact.

Our strong history became a part of the United States Constitution, as that document defining the new nation recognized the unique status of Native tribes. Our history later helped support all tribes before the U.S. Supreme Court. It is our history of sovereign and independent tribal government that, through our people, has provided the bedrock for the Chickasaw Nation.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Our sovereignty, and the sovereignty of our fellow tribes, may seem an abstract concept to some scholars. It is challenging for them to visualize a nation within a nation, a sovereign and long-established government resting in the middle of a giant federal system.

But that is exactly what we have, and our tribal government was established, working and successful long before the United States came into being.

I think that is the challenge for most non-Indian scholars. They have trouble processing the concept of the relationships between two nations, one within the other, sovereign and working both together and separately. It is even more difficult, I believe, for these scholars to understand how Indian people can hold such love and devotion for both their tribes and the United States.

And this scenario is played out again and again. The clearest example would probably be the scores upon scores of Indian military veterans who have served the U.S. with full fidelity, and often with uncommon bravery. These veterans serve both U.S. and tribe, and the love for each is unfettered by conflicting loyalties.

We know it is hard for many of our fellow Americans to comprehend our history and our governments. But we know from that compelling history one thing has never changed – the responsibility of the Chickasaw Nation for its people. For the many generations of Chickasaws, caring for each other is our hallmark.

The battle has not been completely won, but we have made such tremendous strides together since those days of attempted elimination. We are building a great and compassionate tribe – one defined by the linchpins of our long and cherished traditions.

For Chickasaws, we need only look back a few generations to understand the challenges that can face us. Now, in the 21st Century, we are using the lessons of our ancestors to develop a lasting and dynamic tribe that will serve the Chickasaw people for generations to come.

Chickasaw students have session with Gibson, Youngblood Previews Film at Riverwind

Chickasaw students and sponosor with Apocalypto star Rudy Youngblood during the Sept. 22 preview of the movie at Riverwind Casino. Clockwise from left are Codie Bolin, Jonah Puller, Youngblood, Toni Pace, Jerica Marsh, Nikki Miller and Brittany McLaury.

GOLDSBY, Okla. - Prior to the December 1 screening of *Apocalypto* at Riverwind Casino, director Mel Gibson previewed his new film at the casino for tribal leaders and a group of United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) members.

Set in the last days of the Mayan civilization, the film focuses on the struggle of one man to protect his family against incredible odds.

Rudy Youngblood, a Native American actor who lived near Ada and moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in acting, plays the lead.

Mr. Gibson and Youngblood talked to the students and answered questions after the screening.

One audience member asked Mr. Gibson about his views of Native Americans.

"My experience through the whole thing was amazing," Mr. Gibson said of his experience working with a cast of American Indians and indigenous people from the regions of Mexico where the film was made.

"I admire a man like Governor Anoatubby, because I think he is a modern day warrior," he said.

This was the first major acting job for Youngblood, who described Mr. Gibson as a friend, a mentor and a teacher.

"I learned a lot from him. I think I pulled it off because of him," said Youngblood, who added that making the movie entailed "a lot of work on everyone's part."

Toni Pace, who brought a group of Chickasaw students to the screening, said it was great for the kids to see indigenous people in the film.

"For the students to actually see Native people up there, maybe that will inspire them to follow their dreams and be able to accomplish their goals," she said.

Chickasaw student Nikki Miller was impressed by Youngblood's work.

"It was really exciting that someone from Oklahoma could do something like that," she said.

Many of the students were impressed by the fact that Mr. Gibson and Youngblood came to Oklahoma to screen the film.

"I'm glad I'm not a celebrity, it seems pretty stressful," said Brittany McLaery after seeing dozens of students flock around Gibson and Youngblood for autographs and photos. "I think it was pretty neat that they came here just to be with the youth councils."

McLaery was also impressed with the content of the film.

"I thought the movie was really awesome," she said. "It really gave detail of how life really was back then before the Europeans came."

Miller said she was also impressed that Mr. Gibson seemed to care about creating an accurate portrayal of the way of life of Mayan people.

"I just thought it was a really good experience to get to meet him," she said.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

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lots of pain and fear, but Jaguar Paw is able to transcend all of that. It's part of who he is."

Stunt coordinator Mic Rodgers said Youngblood could be a professional stunt man if he wasn't an actor.

"Rudy is probably the purest athlete I've ever seen," said Rodgers. "He has head together and is totally on top of his game."

Chickasaw student Jonah Puller, who saw a previous screening at Riverwind, said learning about the hard work and personal sacrifices of Youngblood in making the film was a great experience.

"It showed that no matter what tribe you're from, you can always do great things," he said.

Gov. Anoatubby said he hoped the screening itself will also serve as an inspiration.

"Our mission has always been to enhance the overall quality of life of Chickasaw citizens," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This kind of charitable event enables us to move beyond material benefits and instill a sense of pride and self esteem in our citizens because they can see that we are supporting the community in which we live."

Prescription center in operation; new hospital upcoming

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings and Merry Christmas from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! We certainly hope that you had a glorious Christmas and ate too much like we did. It was wonderful celebrating the holidays with family and friends.

We are really excited with the project of building the best health system in the United States. Plans are moving forward for the construction of the new hospital, and the prescription refill center is in limited operation now and should be fully implemented in January.

We've unfortunately experienced a run of the 3-day flu here. Hope it didn't reach you! The Health System still has plenty of flu vaccine so if you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, please do so now. It is never too late to be immunized.

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: In the month of November, 2006, there were 208 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 14,763. November Emergency Room visits were 1,132. November saw 273 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,490 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,771 patients in November. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,136 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,445. The Durant Clinic saw 2,586 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,511 in November.

We wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year!! I know that we can work together to make the Chickasaw Nation the best that it can be. And may you all enjoy good health in the coming year.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

You can help secure funding for Indian diabetes research

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

active, perhaps joining us in the reauthorization of funding for diabetes in Indian country is just what you would like to do. I can get your email to the Nation Indian Health Board if you will email me at Judy.Parker@Chickasaw.net

I have to wish you this Happy New Year with a story. I recently had the opportunity to visit with one of our young Chickasaw students. Chris Moody is a student at the University of Oklahoma pursuing a degree in Political Science. Chris was actually driving me to pick up my car, and we had the occasion to visit twice. It amazed me that we could immediately strike up a conversation and talk like we had known each other forever. We talked about events that are taking place in the tribe, businesses in the tribe, the recent internship that he did in New York City, and about the adventures that he and his wife experienced in the Big Apple. We talked about his opportunities to tell those in NYC about the Chickasaw Nation and how amazed that they were about what we are doing as a Nation. They were amazed. As I thought about my conversation with Chris, I thought about all of you as well and wished that we could sit down and visit like Chris and I did. We do have at least one thing in common…we are Chickasaw.

Once again, I wish you a Happy New Year. I consider you family, and wish that we could visit. I look forward to hearing from you. I often say that if you have called or e-mailed and I did not respond, please do so again. Technology is not perfect, and neither am I. I do value your communications. God bless you as you embark upon the journey that lays before us in 2007. I am expecting a great year, and you should too.

Judy Goforth Parker

Hundreds of Chickasaws gain education help

Happy New Year.

Of course, I am writing this in December, knowing that you will read it in January, and I am wishing for us, the great Chickasaw Nation, a very good year. It is hard to believe that we are now in the year 2007. You may remember as I do what it was like when 2000 rolled around. In my younger days, the movie 2010 a Space Odyssey seemed like an event that would never occur. Now, 2010 is not that far away.

Enough of my rambling on. What I am wishing for you is a good year in 2007 that would include your health and well being. I will work hard for us this year to try to get the funding approved for diabetes through Congress. I again am asking for your help. If you had possibly decided that in 2007 you would be more politically

Wanda Blackwood
Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

All our students are enjoying the annual Christmas break with family and friends. This is a good time to relax, refresh and enjoy the blessings of this wonderful season.

This period also allows students time to reflect on their studies and prepare for the upcoming semester.

Our tribal Education Department has been busy throughout the year helping our students get going, get better and get great educations!

To date, the Education Department has funded 1,054 undergraduate students and 141 graduate students. The Department has also issued 726 clothing grants.

These programs are tremendously helpful to our students. The end result will be many, many educated Chickasaws who will be prepared to launch successful careers, and to make a real and positive difference in our world.

During the period, there was a total of 52 laptop computers issued to top achieving students. Three students were assisted with professional license or certification requirements, and 47 students were funded through the career technology and training development program for those in the vocations and trades.

We always have many GED students in our classrooms throughout the Chickasaw Nation. An interesting note is that now most of our students are taking GED classes on-line. We also have a total of 42 senior citizens attending classes.

The new out-of-area tutoring reimbursement program kicked off October 1. This important outreach program will assist our students outside of the Chickasaw Nation.

It is a real pleasure to have a role in helping our Chickasaw students, and it is gratifying to see our students working hard and graduating.

Warmest Christmas greetings and best wishes for a wonderful New Year!

Citizens At Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Enhanced health care, education, elder care signal progress

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

Here we are - we blinked our eyes and it is Christmas and almost a brand new year. It is, I think, almost an impossibility to not be reflective at this time of year.

Always, we look back to precious memories. So many of them, and a gift that stands alone. But then, we think about all that is going on at the present, and that, too, is a very large gift! So much, so many good happenings within our wonderful Chickasaw Nation. We are so truly blessed. Sometimes I think about all the progress of the very recent time (now!) and it is almost incomprehensible that we have achieved the level of service available to us as Chickasaws.

And that brings in the future- and what an exciting time to look forward. The new hospital and all that it will entail in added, more timely, efficient healthcare service to all of us, and the implementation of services to our citizens living outside the Nation. Not very many years ago we could only dream of being able to do these things. The very large amount added to the education of our citizens, young and not so young, is amazing and as my grandchildren say, "Awesome!" It is awesome!!

The care of our elderly - a primary consideration at every level. Now we offer beautiful sites where seniors can meet, enjoy crafts and hobbies, visiting with each other and dining on wonderfully prepared, delicious food. (If you are ever in the Ardmore area drop by that site for lunch - the best rolls imaginable!).

On and on I could go, but I will close wishing for each of you a Wonderful, Blessed Season and thanking you for the honor you have given to me to allow me to be a part of the active, progressive action of our great Chickasaw Nation. My blessings are beyond numbers and my hope is for you to feel the same about your own lives. A gifted life is not one without troubles, it is one in which the troubles do not overcome you. God bless you!

Linda Briggs

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee
Dec. 4, 2006
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus

Health Committee
Dec. 4, 2006
Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert, Dean McManus, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Land Development Committee
Dec. 4, 2006
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Education Committee
Dec. 4, 2006
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Finance Committee
Dec. 4, 2006
Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
Absent: Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker

Finance Committee
Dec. 11, 2006
Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
Absent: Dean McManus

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee
Dec. 11, 2006
Present: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Seat #

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Tribal representative to be in Chickasha January 16

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on January 16 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 3 to 5 p.m.

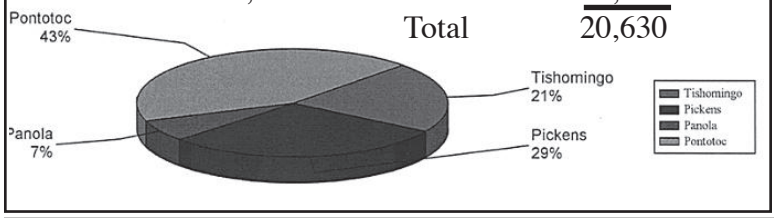
A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

*January's visit will take place on Tuesday due to holiday closings.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,370	Panola	1,358
Pickens	6,048	Pontotoc	8,854
		Total	20,630



Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday

D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

December 2006 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 24-021

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, described as follows: A part of the W/2 SE/4 SW/4 SW/4 and the West 75 feet 10 inches of the E/2 SE/4 SW/4 SW/4 of Section 21, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, less and except the South 16.5 feet thereof, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the W/2 SE/4 SW/4 SW/4 of Section 21; thence S 89E24'45" E along the South line of said W/2 SE/4 SW/4 SW/4 a distance of 105.42 feet; thence N 00E'20'15" E a distance of 16.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N 00E20'15" E a distance of 644.56 feet to a point on the North line of said W/2 SE/4 SW/4 SW/4; thence S 89E'27'45" E a distance of 300.00 feet; thence S 00E'20'15" W a distance of 644.82 feet; thence N 89E24'45" W a distance of 300.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.44 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

Property Location: Ada, Oklahoma

Use: Douglas H. Johnston Building expansion

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Abstain: Beth Alexander

General Resolution Number 24-022

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, described as follows: The N/2 of SW/4 and the N/2 of S/2 of SW/4 and the SW/4 of NW/4 of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 8 East of the Indian Meridian, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 160.42 acres, more or less, and the E/2 of NW/4 of SE/4 and the NE/4 of SE/4 and the SE/4 of SE/4 of SE/4 and the N/2 of SE/4 of SE/4 and the NE/4 of SW/4 of SE/4 and a part of the SE/4 of SW/4 of SE/4 and the SW/4 of SE/4 ofSE/4 lying North of the right-of –way line of the Kansas, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad in Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 8 East of the Indian Meridian, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 112.10acres, more or less, and that part of the NE/4 of Section 33 lying North and East of right-of-way line of Kansas, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad, Township 4 North, Range 8 East of the Indian Meridian, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 5.99 acres, more or less, the three tracts totaling 278.51 acres, more or less,

Property Location: Adjoining Kullihoma

Use: Kullihoma Reserve expansion

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 24-002

Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 1, Article C, Section 5-103.18 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Fees)

Explanation: This resolution amends the fees listed in Subsection 5-103.18.A to accurately reflect amendments made to Subsection 5-103.18.D in Permanent Resolution 23-007.

Requested By: Scott Colbert, Chairperson

Presented By: Tim Colbert, Committee Chair Court Development Ad Hoc Committee.

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number PR24-003

Amendments to Title 3, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Beverage Control Act)

Explanation: This resolution amends relevant sections of Title 3, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code codified therein as the "Beverage Control Act of 2007." The amended Beverage Control Act will meet all the current needs of the Chickasaw Nation and will satisfy all federal requirements.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No votes: Judy Goforth Parker

New Year, New Days, New Congress; Old Days, Old Times, Old Friends

The Ambassador's report from Capitol Hill

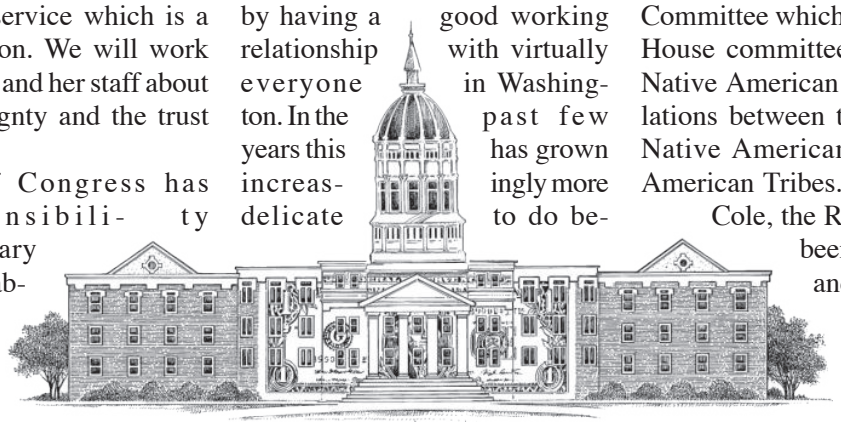
By Charles Blackwell

Chickasaw ambassador to the United States

Voting America spoke very loudly in November and sent in enough new Senators and members of the House of Representatives for both bodies to now have a Democratic majority. The Republican Party has been the majority for the past twelve (12) years. Change in the making. It's a new time.

This means issues such as minimum wage, social security and health care will probably get more attention. How well it's done and in how timely a fashion things are accomplished depends on the new leadership. For the first time in American history, a woman, Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), is speaker of the house. She is a grandmother who'll be sixty-seven (67) years old in March. She grew up in Maryland and later moved to the San Francisco Bay area. She's been in Congress twenty (20) years and her professional career has always been public service which is a family tradition. We will work to educate her and her staff about tribal sovereignty and the trust relationship.

As all of Congress has the responsibility and the plenary power to establish Indian policy, it is most important that we take the time and effort to educate all new leadership and all new members, as well as remind old members, about the fact that the Chickasaw Nation, as well as every other federally recognized tribe, is a domestic sovereign nation which has a trust relationship with the Federal Government mandated by the U.S. Constitution. This relationship impacts our daily lives as Indians and it validates our tribal government.



Our Chickasaw tribal issues are non-partisan. We are best served by having a good working relationship with virtually everyone in Washington. In the past few years this has grown increasingly more delicate to do because there's been a lot of fuss and fight here. In certain subtle and significant ways, this has had a negative impact on Indian Country. We lost some old friends in the election but we also gained some new ones.

We are fortunate with having our two fine Chickasaw Congressmen, Dan Boren and Tom Cole, who have a fine, respectful and communicative working relationship with each other. Congressman Boren, the Democrat, is on the Resources Committee which is the primary House committee dealing with Native American issues and relations between the House and Native Americans and Native American Tribes. Congressman Cole, the Republican, has been on the Rules and Standards of Official Conduct committee and he is the new Chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee. They each do right by us and serve their people well. We are fortunate to have them and I am grateful for the good working relationship my staff and I have with each of them and their staffs.

This 110th Congress, with its new faces and new directions, presents exciting challenges for which my staff and I are preparing. It is going to be a challenging year and it's good to be here to serve you.

2007 is also the year I become sixty-five years old! "Who'd a thunk it?" There isn't a day I live in which I don't learn something new, make a new friend or have a fresh idea. It only seems to get better and I am grateful for that. At this time of the year, I wish to share my Holiday toast:

"Never a Christmas Morning
Never the old year ends
But someone thinks of someone
Old days
Old times
Old friends."

At the same time, let's embrace **New days, New times, and New friends**! The Old and the New go together and let's make sure they do.

Comfort, Joy and Best wishes from Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Lighthorse force in spotlight for cooperative law enforcement outreach

From left, Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal, California State Attorney General Olin Jones (Chickasaw) and LPD Drug Task Force Commander Steve Cash make a presentation at the Fifth Annual California Tribal and State Summit.

The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department has proved to be a nationwide example of a success.

The Department was invited to the Fifth Annual California Tribal and State Justice Summit by California State Attorney General Olin Jones, a Chickasaw. Members of the Department were asked to share stories of its success establishing relationships and agreements among city, county, state and federal authorities. The Department was also asked to share information on its successful anti-drug efforts.

The purpose of the summit was to bring together criminal justice professionals and leaders from state and tribal governments to address issues including jurisdiction, deputation agreements, tribal police functions and drugs in Indian Country. Tribal and state officials said the presentations made by Department Chief Jason O'Neal and Steve Cash were the best they had ever received.

"We have been doing what they (tribal and state officials) are trying to accomplish," Chief O'Neal said.

The Lighthorse Police Department has cross-deputized with one federal law enforcement agency, two state law enforcement agencies, 10 city police departments and five county sheriff's offices, O'Neal stated in a report. The cross-deputization agreements allow officers of different law enforcement agencies to coordinate their efforts across jurisdictional lines.

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop
401 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK
(580) 436-1007
SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

Business revenues transferred to tribe for upcoming capital projects

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending November 30, 2006

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled $11.2 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were $3.2 million and $5.1 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of $82.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for November totaled $48 million and $99 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $6.5 million. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At November 30, 2006, the tribal government funds had $59 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $10.2 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $107 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of November 30, 2006, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $625 million with $120 million in payables resulting in net assets of $506 million compared to $502 million at the end of fiscal year 2006 or an increase of $4 million for the first two months of the fiscal year.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Two Months Ended November 30, 2006

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	1,031,844	99,606,346	100,638,190
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		11,200,000	(11,200,000)	-
Total funds available		12,231,844	88,406,346	100,638,190
Expenditures				
General government		979,191		979,191
Legislature		177,466		177,466
Judiciary		79,564		79,564
Education		514,442		514,442
Heritage Preservation		375,453		375,453
Health		1,002,742		1,002,742
Youth and Family Services		751,781		751,781
Nutrition Programs		342,809		342,809
Regulatory		394,437		394,437
Assistance Programs		559,022		559,022
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			59,089,587	59,089,587
Other businesses' expense			22,860,015	22,860,015
Total expenditures		5,176,907	81,949,602	87,126,509
Increase in net assets		7,054,937	6,456,744	13,511,681
Beginning net assets		213,203,132	279,868,213	493,071,345
Ending net assets	$	220,258,068	286,324,957	506,583,025

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
November 30, 2006

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	59,259,450	106,936,700	166,196,151
Receivables		1,042,563	19,818,861	20,861,424
Inventory			4,416,519	4,416,519
Prepaid expenses			6,352,952	6,352,952
Other Assets			15,501,871	15,501,871
Fixed assets		160,742,536	252,143,165	412,885,701
Less payables		(786,481)	(118,845,112)	(119,631,593)
Net Assets	$	220,258,068	286,324,957	506,583,025

Chickasaw Nation conducting language survey

The Chickasaw Nation was recently awarded a grant of more than $93,000 from the Administration for Native Americans to conduct a language survey and design a master-apprentice language program.

"This survey is an important component of the Chickasaw language revitalization program," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Chickasaws everywhere have an opportunity to take part in this vital effort to preserve our language for future generations."

Because a comprehensive language survey has not been recently conducted, there is not a reliable estimate of the number of fluent Chickasaw speakers.

In 2003, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing conducted a survey of citizens which included questions regarding language. Of 2,588 surveys returned, only 91 people identified themselves as fluent speakers at that time.

Other estimates of the number of fluent speakers range from about 600 to about 700.

Sue Linder-Linsley, Chickasaw Cultural Center director, said the best estimate the center has currently is approximately 200.

"This survey is designed to give us a good picture of the state of the language," said Linder-Linsley. She added that the survey should help language revitalization workers learn how, when and where people are using the language.

The survey will also provide valuable information about the level of importance Chickasaws place on use and revitalization of the Chickasaw language.

A recent study indicated the Chickasaw Nation could lose its last fluent speaker in 20 to 30 years if nothing is done to revitalize the language.

Very few children born since 1960 learned the Chickasaw language as a primary language. Many of the fluent speakers today are 65 years of age or older.

The survey will not only help officials calculate the number of fluent speakers, it will also help establish guidelines for selecting participants for the master-apprentice language program.

This program will pair fluent speakers with apprentices who are willing to devote the time and effort necessary to become fluent speakers in 18 to 24 months.

Each of 10 fluent speakers will be teamed with an apprentice who has some knowledge of the Chickasaw language.

Teams will make a commitment to spend two hours each day five days per week communicating in the Chickasaw language.

Because of the significant time commitment involved in participating in the program, one goal of the survey is to identify potential candidates who live in close proximity.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Language Revitalization and Preservation Survey

We need your participation!

ANA
ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

Chuckma!

You are invited to participate in a very special tribal endeavor. Chickasaws everywhere have an opportunity to help revitalize our language. It is important that as we plan for our future we have accurate information on the status of our language. We will use the information gathered by the Chickasaw language revitalization and preservation initiative survey 2006 to develop a language immersion program and additional language revitalization activities.

Please complete all questions on the two-page survey by selecting your response or filling in your information. After completing the survey please return it in the envelope provided (envelope will be provided with mailing to citizens). For additional information, please visit our web site, www.chickasaw.net or call (580) 332-8624.

We encourage you to take part in this special, historic project. Everyone counts and we are counting on you.

Sincerely,
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

Chickasaw Language Revitalization and Preservation Initiative Survey 2006

1. Where do you live?
- ☐ In the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation
- ☐ Outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries

2. What tribe are you?
- ☐ Chickasaw tribal member
- ☐ A descendant of a Chickasaw tribal member
- ☐ Member of another tribe_____(please list)
- ☐ Non-Native American

3. Are you an employee of the Chickasaw Nation?
☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Is Chickasaw your first or second spoken language?
- ☐ Chickasaw is the first language I learned to speak
- ☐ Chickasaw is the second language I learned to speak
- ☐ Never learned the Chickasaw language

5. How many fluent speakers do you know?
☐ 0 ☐ 1-3 ☐ 4-6 ☐ 7-10 ☐ 10 or more

6. How often do you interact with a fluent speaker?
☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Sometimes ☐ Never

7. How would you describe your understanding of the Chickasaw language?
- ☐ I do not understand Chickasaw at all
- ☐ I understand a few words
- ☐ I understand the meaning of some phrases
- ☐ I can understand most of what is said in a conversation
- ☐ I understand the language very well

8. How many words can you understand in the Chickasaw language?
☐ 0 ☐ 1-20 ☐ 21-40 ☐ 41-100 ☐ 101-200 ☐ Over 200

9. How many words can you say in Chickasaw?
☐ 0 ☐ 1-20 ☐ 21-40 ☐ 41-100 ☐ 101-200 ☐ Over 200

10. How often do you hear the language being used at home?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time

11. How often do you hear the language used at work?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time ☐ Not applicable

12. How often do you hear the language being used at school?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time ☐ Not applicable

13. How often do you hear the language being used at community gatherings?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time

14. How often do you hear the language being used at traditional gatherings?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time ☐ Don't attend

15. How often do you hear the language being used at ceremonial gatherings?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time ☐ Don't attend

16. How often do you hear the language being used at church?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time ☐ Not applicable

17. How often do you hear the language being used at tribal government activities?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time ☐ Not applicable

18. Do you want to learn the Chickasaw language?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

19. Rate the level of importance for the Chickasaw language to be used at home.
☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Not important

20. Rate the level of importance for the Chickasaw language to be used at work.
☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Not important ☐ Don't work

21. Rate the level of importance for the Chickasaw language to be used at school.
☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Not important ☐ Don't attend school

22. Rate the level of importance for the Chickasaw language to be used at traditional gatherings.
☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Not important ☐ Not applicable

23. Rate the level of importance for the Chickasaw language to be used at ceremonial gatherings.
☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Not important ☐ Not applicable

24. Who should we concentrate on providing opportunities to learn the Chickasaw language?
Rank 1 (Higher priority) to 5 (Lower priority) *used each number once and put a number in each blank*
Children_____ Teens_____ Elders_____ College Students_____ Families_____

25. Do you want to have language classes offered in your school district?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

26. Would you agree the Chickasaw language is vital in securing our identity and existence?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

27. What is your birth date? _____ **28.** What is your gender? ☐ Male ☐ Female

29. What are the ages of others in your household who speak Chickasaw? ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____

30. What are the ages of other in your household who understand some Chickasaw? ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____

31. How many people are there in your household? _____

32. Name:_____ Zip Code:_____ CDIB#:_____

33. May we contact you about Chickasaw language activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Address:_____
_____ City:_____ State:_____ Zip: _____
Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Date:_____ For CN Use Only:

Chickasaw Cultural Center • ANA Project Director • the Chickasaw Nation
P.O. Box 1548 • Ada, OK 74821-1548

Foster parents, kids celebrated during 'Spirit of Christmas'

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy welcomed the Spirit of Christmas at the 11th Annual Foster Care Appreciation Banquet on December 9.

Colorful, wrapped boxes lined the walls of the Lazer Zone banquet area, and the children's faces lit up as they entered the room. The presents provided a glow on the kid's faces, but it is the work of a few ordinary heroes that will create a more lasting impression. The foster parents were able to provide the children with the greatest gift of all at Christmas time – a family.

Trinda Zukoski, foster mother of 10- and four-year-old girls and a 10 month-old baby girl, said she started out as an adoptive home, but couldn't bear the thought of children making shelters their home. She decided to become a foster parent as well.

"I want to help kids who need help and don't have anywhere else to go," said Mrs. Zukoski. "I would rather see them in my home, than in some shelter."

Arthur Ellsworth, Foster Care and Adoptive Services director, thanked the parents for the limitless love they have shown to many kids over the years.

"They give so much from their own personal time by sharing their love, energy and resources," Mr. Ellsworth said. "In every way you can think of, they are truly special people."

Everyone was served a traditional holiday dinner, parents were presented with gifts and certificates, and Santa Claus made a guest appearance and gave out presents to the little ones. The kids ended the banquet by bowling and playing lazer tag and miniature golf at Lazer Zone, the Chickasaw Nation family fun center in Ada.

The Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoptive Services program provides homes for Chickasaw and other Native American children. A tribal/state agreement allows the tribe to be notified when a Chickasaw or Native American child is removed. The department then accesses the situation to see if the Chickasaw Nation can provide placement for the child. The tribe is dedicated to preserving and protecting Native culture for all Native American children.

"The Chickasaw Nation is aggressive when it comes to the protection of our tribal children," Mr. Ellsworth said.

Currently, the Chickasaw Nation has more than 100 children in custody placed in relative, foster or adoptive care in the 13 counties.

For more information call (580) 252-4119 ext. 13.

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.

Tribal Division of Youth and Family Administrator Jay Keel, left, Foster Care/Adoption manager Arthur Ellsworth and Santa prepare to hand out gifts at the Foster Care Appreciation Banquet.

'Unconquered' tells unique story of Chickasaws

Photographer David G. Fitzgerald, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Chickasaw author Jeannie Barbour sign copies of the "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable" book and posters recently at the Oklahoma History Center. Copies of the book are still available at various retail bookstores and the Chickasaw Outpost.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, photographer David G. Fitzgerald and Chickasaw author Jeannie Barbour recently sat down at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City to sign copies of "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable."

The book, published by the Chickasaw Press in association with Graphic Arts Center Publishing, features essays by Barbour and Chickasaw authors Amanda Cobb and Linda Hogan, and an introduction written by Gov. Anoatubby.

The full-color book also features page after page of eye-catching, full-page portraits by Fitzgerald, a world-renowned photographer.

The photo and essay collection is the first publication produced by the Chickasaw Press and is available at the Chickasaw Outpost located in Ada, Oklahoma and at various retail bookstores.

For more information about the publication, call the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520. To order a copy, visit www.chickasaw.net or call the Chickasaw Outpost at (580) 332-1458.

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'Master-Apprentice' program to develop fluent speakers of Chickasaw lanugage

Applications will soon be available for those wishing to participate in the Chickasaw language master-apprentice program.

Approximately 20 individuals will be selected to participate in the program which is designed to develop 10 additional fluent speakers of the Chickasaw language in 18 to 24 months.

Those selected to participate in the program will receive 40 hours of training. Each member of the team will be compensated for their time.

Current plans are to select 10 fluent speakers and 10 apprentices to participate in the program.

Each of the 10 fluent speakers chosen to participate will be teamed with an apprentice who has some knowledge of the Chickasaw language.

Participants must make a commitment to spend two hours each day five days per week communicating in the Chickasaw language.

While some of that time may be in a classroom setting, most communication will be in informal settings.

Team members may decide to have meals together, go on shopping trips, go fishing, do arts and crafts or participate in other activities together.

For more information, call (580) 332-8624.

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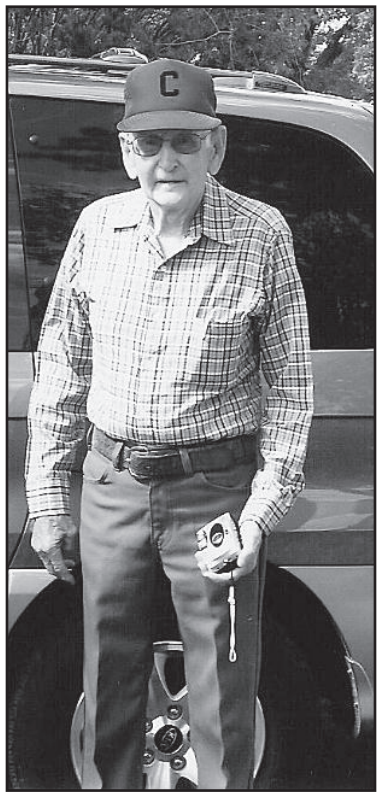


C.L. (Bill) Harkins

C.L. (Bill) Harkins celebrated his 96 years young with his family and friends in Moore, Okla.

Mr. Harkins was born in Emet, Okla., and grew up and lived in Egypt and Fillmore, Okla. He attended high school at Tishomingo (OK) High School.

He moved to Borger, Texas in the 1940s and worked at Phillips Petroleum Plant. He and his wife, Edith, returned to Tishomingo in 1978. This past summer he and his daughter took a trip down memory lane and visited his old stomping grounds of youth. He recalled the times he walked down Emet road to play baseball. He remembered the many times he played in Governor Doug Johnson's home and the nearby home of his Aunt Lucy Cheadle.

Mr. Harkins is the grandson of Governor Robert Harris. He told of how he and the boys played up and down the canyons from Emet to Milburn to Fillmore and fished and camped on Blue River. It was a good trip down memory lane.

He loves to work in the yard, garden, go to garage sales, and be with his family.

Mr. Harkins is now married to Evelyn Harkins and they attend First Baptist Church.

He has a daughter, Sue Sanders, Lindsay, Okla.; three grandchildren, Mike Sanders and wife Brenda and children, Brooke and Savanna, Greg Sanders and wife, Kristi and children, Jesse and Gage, Donna Wildman and husband, Tony, and children, Dillon, Jason and Morgan.

Thirty-eight family and friends met Nov. 18, 2006 at the home of Phillip and Rhedonna Ralls to celebrate the 89th birthday of **Violet Harrill**.

Also celebrated was the birthday of her son, Randy Harrill.

Mrs. Harrill turned 89 Nov. 14, 2006 and her son Randy, turned 67 Nov. 20, 2006.

The afternoon began with singing "Happy Birthday," serving cake and visiting.

Violet Harrill

Reese Hamilton

Reese Hamilton celebrated his sixth birthday October 28, 2006 at East Central University's indoor swimming pool, Ada, Okla. Reese was joined by many friends and family for his Boston Red Sox party.

His paternal grandparents are Harold Hamilton and Carol Hamilton, of Ada. His maternal grandparents are Brad and Mindi Fish, of Harrah, Okla., and Tommy and Cassandra Russell, of Choctaw, Okla.

Reese is the son of Randall and Christina Hamilton.

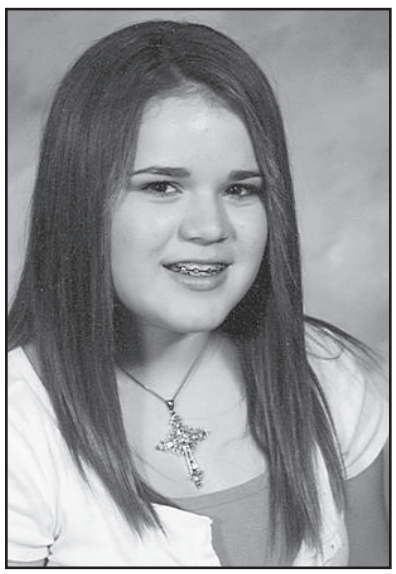
We love you very much, Reese!

Hunter "Lulu" Weems celebrated her ninth birthday with an *Over the Hedge* theme pizza party. She celebrated with her sisters, Autumn, Nikki, Savannah and her Aunt Shorty and a host of cousins.

Lulu is the daughter of Michael and Loraine Weems, Ada, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Tom and Marval Hamilton, Stonewall, Okla., Ann Hammond, Healdton, Okla., and the late Franklin D. R. Weems. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Elsie Mae Walton, Ada.

Hunter "Lulu" Weems



Leah John

Leah Lian John turned 15 years old, Nov. 16, 2006. Leah is a freshman at Tishomingo (OK) High School. She is a member of the Tishomingo High School marching band, flag corps, Superintendent's Honor Roll and attends Victory Life Church, Durant, Okla. She has attended the Tishomingo School System since pre-k.

She is the daughter of Edie Martin, Moore, Okla., and Gary John, Tishomingo.

She is the niece of Amber and Jason Wooley and the granddaughter of Wayne and Sue Robins, Tishomingo, and Paulette John, Fillmore, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of Ilene Beasley, Tishomingo, Jewel Tomasi, Bakersfield, Calif., and original enrollee Tecumseh John.

Her sisters are Cristen Culp, Katie John and Kelsey John.

Births

Dominic Tinker

Dominic Jay Tinker was born 1:28 p.m., Dec. 7, 2006 at Chonan Hospital, South Korea. He weighed 7 lbs.,7oz., and measured 51.2 cm at birth.

He is the son of SSG Charles R. Tinker, U.S.Army, and wife Irina.

Has a proud big sister, Sabina.

His paternal grandmother is Anita Longacre, of Norman, Okla., and paternal great-grandparents Charles and Emma Lack, of Wayne, Okla.

His maternal grandparents are Garafi G. Sultanshin and Sariya A. Sultanshina, of Nakhodka, Russia.

He is a seventh generation Chickasaw.

His great-great-great-grandmother Mary Cordelia Brown Finley and great-great-grandmother Emma Elzada Finley are original enrollees.

MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Tip of the Month
Lower Heart Rate

We all know we should exercise because it is good for us, but do you know just how good? The heart is a muscle. Aerobic exercise strengthens that muscle, so that your heart pumps blood more efficiently by pumping more blood with each beat. Since the exercised heart is more efficient, it transfers more oxygen to the body's cells more easily. This can lengthen your life by several years.

The Moccasin Trail Program would like to congratulate the following for achieving over the 1000-mile goal:

Tammy Moore and Beaulah Shavney

Congrats ladies!

Ardmore Johnson-O'Malley program honored for quality design

Ardmore Johnson O'Malley parent committee members traveled to Albuquerque to accept a national award from the National Johnson O'Malley Association. Members are, from left, Deborah Tipps, Regina Hubbard, Angie Carney, and Director of Indian Education Kimberly Smith.

ALBUQUERQUE – The Ardmore (OK) City School's Johnson-O'Malley Program was recently honored with a National Exemplary Program Award for the East Central At-Large Region by the National Johnson-O'Malley Association.

The award, an honor in recognition of the school's exemplary Johnson-O'Malley Education Program and Indian Education Committee, was presented November 7, 2006 at the National Johnson-O'Malley Conference in Albuquerque. Ardmore's program was showcased as a grassroots program that has been successful in it's program design.

"We were pleasantly surprised to receive notification of this award, said Kimberly Smith, Director of Ardmore City Schools Indian Education Department.

"The development of our program is alive. It's always growing and changing and getting better. We are blessed to not only have a staff that has a heart for our Native American students, but an Indian Education Committee of parents who are active in investing their time, talent, and wisdom in looking out for the best interests of our Native American students."

Ardmore City Schools' Indian Education Committee members are: Angie Carney, Darla Henry, Nina Hubbard, Lynette Price, and Debra Tipps. Indian Education staff members include: Shawna Carnahan, Cheri Conway, Deana Craighead, Lisa Douglas, Judy Fannin, Jan Farabough, Laura Gooden, Jay Mule, Cheryl Northcutt, Gina Quary, Babette Seals, Karen Smart, and Kimberly Smith.

Chickasaw named All-District

Kyle Frizell

Kyle Frizell was named first team All District Defensive End for District 25 AAA football.

He is a junior at Llano (TX) High School where he also plays basketball and runs track, serves on the yearbook staff and participates in University Interscholastic League One Act Play competition.

Kyle resides in Kingsland, Texas with his parents, Jeff and Toni Frizell.

Chickasaw language class schedule Spring 2007

Ada : Thursday, 6-9 p.m.
Begins: February 8, 2007, Human Resource training room, Sam Johnson, instructor.

Ardmore: Tuesday, 6-9 p.m.
Begins: January 9, 2007, Ardmore Sr. Site, Curtis Willis, instructor.

Tishomingo: Thursday, 6-9 p.m.
Begins: March 1, 2007, Capitol building., Regina Berna, Luther John, instructors.

Tishomingo: Thursday, 6-9 p.m.
Begins: January 11, 2007, Community building., Amy VonTungeln, Hannah Corsello, instructors.

Purcell: Monday, 6-9 p.m.
Begins: January 22, 2007, Purcell area office, Keith Shackleford, JR. Nelson, instructors.

SOSU Top 10 Freshmen

Front row, let to right, Christabelle Daradal, Jessica Emge, Jennifer Lee Hatch, Mandi Brock and Crystal Price (Chickasaw). Back row, Student Government Vice President Karl Safe, David Gomez, Steve Libick, Liz St. Clair, Regent Ann Holloway, Dr. Jeff Hale, Jami McAdoo, Aaron Hightower, State Regent John Massey, President Glen D. Johnson.

DURANT, Okla. – Each year, the Academic Advising and Outreach Center and Office of Freshman Programs at Southeastern Oklahoma State University recognizes the Top 10 Freshmen from the previous year.

One of this year's Top 10 Freshmen is Crystal Price, a Chickasaw student from Durant. Miss Price is a Communication major.

A committee representing Faculty Senate, Student Life and University staff selects the recipients based on academic achievement, campus involvement, leadership, and references from faculty.

The outstanding freshmen were honored at a Nov. 10 reception on campus hosted by President Dr. Glen D. Johnson. Regent John Massey, Chair of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and Regent Ann Holloway of the Regional University System of Oklahoma, also attended this fifth annual awards ceremony.

The overall grade-point average for the group was an outstanding 3.86 on a 4.0 scale. The students were first-time, full-time in the fall of 2005. The goal of this recognition program is to recognize the significant contributions first-year students can make on campus.

"These 10 students were selected from more than 600 who began their college careers at SOSU in 2005," Director of the Academic Advising and Outreach Center Tim Boatmun said. They are amazing young adults and we know they have incredible futures. We are very fortunate to have them on our campus and I am fortunate to work on a campus that truly values the first-year experience."

The Top 10 Freshmen for 2005-06:

Durant: Christabelle Daradal, nursing; Jessica Emge, English; Crystal Price, communication.

Sulphur Springs, Texas: Mandi Brock, biotechnology.

Madill: David Gomez, chemistry.

Denison, Texas: Jennifer Lee Hatch, music education.

Ardmore: Aaron Hightower, chemistry/biology.

Denton, Texas: Steve Libick, aviation sciences.

Rush Springs: Jami McAdoo, biology.

Antlers: Liz St.Clair, math education.

Tribal relations focus

Rep. Billy named committee chair

Rep. Lisa Billy

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy, a Chickasaw, has been appointed chair of the House committee that oversees state interaction with other types of governments.

House Speaker-elect Lance Cargill (R-Harrah) has named Rep. Billy chair of the International, Federal & Tribal Relations Subcommittee of the Human Services Committee.

"Representative Billy knows the challenges facing both state and tribal governments and her expertise will be invaluable on the International, Federal & Tribal Relations Subcommittee," Cargill said. "In her position, she will help lead the charge to increase international trade for Oklahoma producers and work with our federal counterparts to protect Oklahoma's military bases."

"I am honored and excited by this opportunity to develop better relations between the state and tribal governments," said Rep. Billy, (R-Purcell). "By working together with our colleagues at the international, federal and tribal levels, I believe we can achieve great things and that will be my focus as committee chair."

Rep. Billy, who previously served two three-year terms as a Chickasaw legislator, is also a founding member of the Native American Caucus in the Oklahoma Legislature, which will include at least 16 members this year.

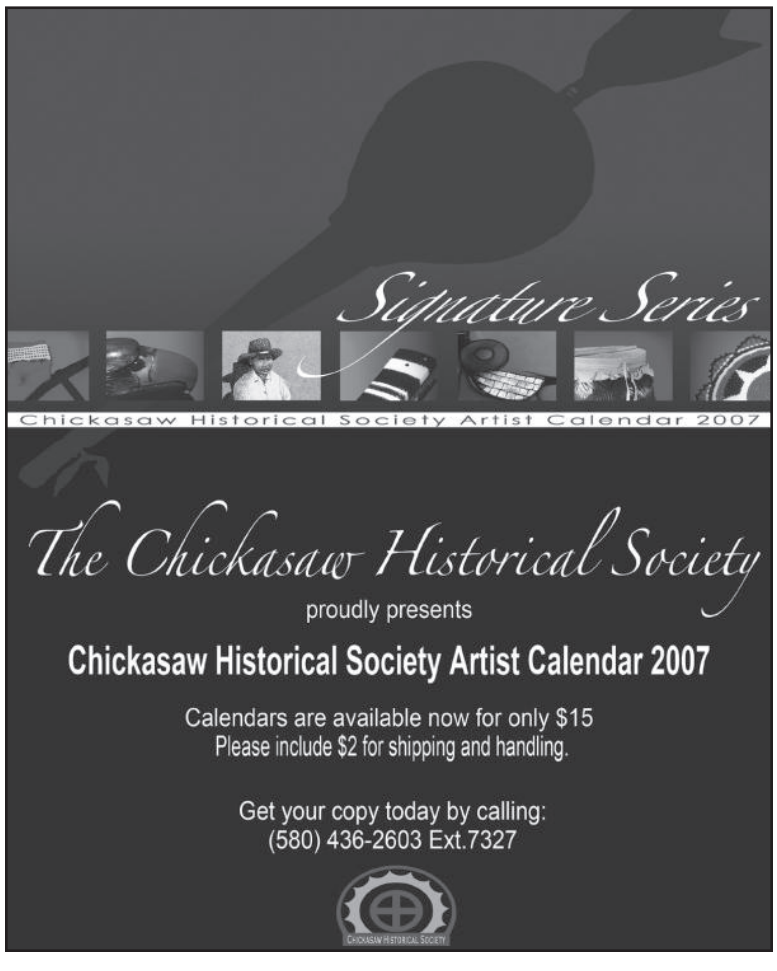
The bi-partisan caucus was formed to educate the House membership about Native American issues and develop closer relationships with leaders of the state's 39 tribes. Rep. Billy graduated from Northeastern Oklahoma State University with a double major, in business and in fine arts, and then earned a master's degree in education at the University of Oklahoma. Rep. Billy was born in Purcell and is a fourth-generation McClain County resident.

Customer Service Survey on the web

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.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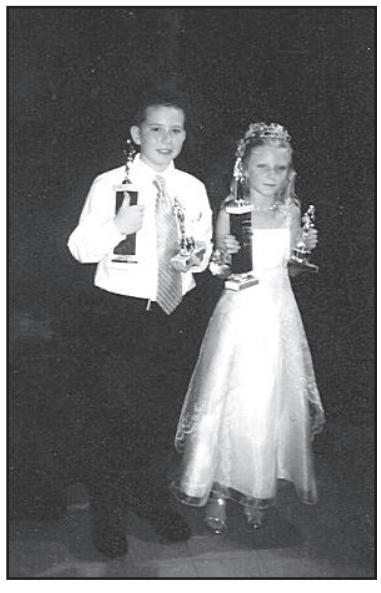
Chickasaw boy named Latta Fall Carnival King



Latta Fall Carnival King and Queen Adam Walker and Taylor Cool.

Adam S. Walker was recently crowned King of the fourth grade at Latta (OK) Fall Carnival.

His class raised over $6,200 for the Latta PTO. His queen was Taylor Cool.

Adam is the son of Bailey Walker, who is employed in the Office of CIO (HQ), and great-grandson of the late Adam Charles Walker, Chickasaw Hall of Fame (1977).

Chickasaw student recognized for cultural, community work

Robby Boston, left, and Jamie Bartgis.

Robby Boston (Chickasaw/Mississippi Choctaw), a 17-year-old junior from Glenpool, Okla., received the 2006 Youth of the Year Award at Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa.

Robby has been an active member and leader in the Tulsa Indian community. At school, Robby stays involved in the football, Drum Line and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is a member of the Native Nations Youth Program, the Tulsa Intertribal Youth Council, and the Circles of Care Drum Group. He stays active in pow wow, dancing northern traditional and singing northern, and in stompdance.

Robby's leadership role in the community is promoting cultural ties and improving the lives of native people. As a part of these activities Robby is an Advisory Board Member to Circles of Care, an initiative that promotes emotional health of youth by supporting cultural identity and improving access to culturally relevant services.

KYKC Christmas Kids

KYKC employees Judie Hansen, left, and Tracy Nicole display some of the many gifts donated to the KYKC Christmas Kids program.

Ada's KYKC Radio collected scores of Christmas gifts for children in the Ada area. The annual "KYKC Christmas Kids" program is co-sponsored by Ada Coca-Cola.

The station broadcasts appeals for gift donations during the Christmas season. The gifts are distributed by the local Salvation Army office to children who might not otherwise receive Christmas gifts.

"These gifts mean so much to the kids who receive them," general manager Roger Harris said.

KYKC is an Ada FM station owned by the Chickasaw Nation.

Ardmore mom recognized as 'Indian Parent of the Year'

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Mrs. Carney was honored with many accolades and an Eagle head trophy to commemorate her tribute at the OCIE 2006 Fall Conference in Tulsa in December.

She was nominated by Kimberly Smith, Director of Ardmore (Okla.) City School's Indian Education Department and incoming President for the OCIE.

Smith described Mrs. Carney as "one who unselfishly gives of her time, talents and wisdom for the betterment of all children. She is one who can see possibilities for our children and make them probabilities. If you can imagine your ideal model for a parent volunteer and support person, Angie is that and even more."

Mrs. Carney serves in Ardmore on the Johnson O'Malley and the Title VII Parent Committees and works with the Chickasaw Children's Choir, the local Native American dance troupe and is affectionately deemed the "official fry bread maker" for the fundraisers and pow wows hosted by the Ardmore High School Native American Club – the Dream Catchers.

"I was very surprised and thrilled," Mrs. Carney said of receiving notification she had been chosen for the award. "I was unaware such and award even existed and I was certainly unaware that I had been nominated.

"I am amazed that I have been acknowledged for participation in activities that I enjoy doing. I feel immensely honored to receive the award, and I am very appreciative to Kim Smith for nominating me."

The Oklahoma Council for Indian Education is an advocacy group whose purpose is to promote and enhance education and culture for American Indian students in the state of Oklahoma and to create awareness within the state of the significance of its American Indian citizens.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Astronaut asks kids to do research, follow their hearts

Chickasaw aviator Herrington encourages Allen students

Cmdr. John Herrington

ALLEN, Okla. - Former NASA Astronaut and U.S. Navy Commander John Herrington visited students at Allen Schools recently as a special guest on Native American Day.

Herrington, who is Chickasaw and made history as the first Native American in space, gave presentations to the elementary and high schools students showing video footage from his 2002 space flight on the 16th NASA Shuttle mission, STS-113 *Endeavour*.

He also shared his background with the students and told them how he became an astronaut and fulfilled a life-long dream.

"When I was eight years old," he told the students, "my brother and I would sit in a cardboard box pretending to go to space. I never thought it was possible though."

He went on to share how when he was young and working as a rock climber, his boss encouraged him to attend college and pursue an education. He did attend and received a bachelor of science degree in applied mathematics from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in 1983 and a master of science degree in aeronautical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in 1995.

Herrington then took a chance on his dream and applied to the NASA program. He was accepted in 1996. He completed two years of training and evaluation and became qualified for flight assignment as a mission specialist. He was assigned to the Flight Support Branch of the Astronaut Office where he served as a member of the Astronaut Support Personnel team responsible for Shuttle launch preparations and post-landing operations.

His dream was finally fulfilled when he flew on STS-113 *Endeavour* in 2002 logging over 330 hours in space visiting the International Space Station.

"If there is something you want to be when you grow up," he advised the students, "talk to someone who is doing it. Find out what it takes to make it possible."

After retiring from NASA in 2005, Herrington began working as Vice President/Director of Flight Operations for Rocketplane Limited, an Oklahoma City company that is building and operating its own fleet of spaceplanes designed for future commercial space flight.

He has also recently joined his alma mater as Director for the Center for Space Studies at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. There, he will oversee a program that seeks to develop future space professionals as well as organize a consortium of universities that offer military and civilian training courses for the aerospace industry.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw officer retires as Murray State College police chief

Ted Boston

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaw citizen Ted Boston has a golden rule.

"Treat others the way you want to be treated." Mr. Boston said he has seen people from all walks of life working as the Murray State College Chief of Police. Most importantly, he said, he has learned a little bit from each one of them.

It was these values and philosophies that contributed to a full house of people at the Murray State faculty lounge on Oct. 27, all there to wish Mr. Boston well in his retirement.

Mr. Boston retired in June after 15 years of service.

His law enforcement career began as a twist of fate. Mr. Boston was laid off from a local plant and enlisted the help of CETA, at that time a Chickasaw Nation job search program. He joined the Ravia (OK) Police Department in 1980 and moved to the Murray State police force in 1991.

Mr. Boston said the passion that has fueled his almost 30-year law enforcement career was the excitement of the job, and simply helping people.

"I not only enforce college rules, but I also do a lot of community service like unlocking car doors and retrieving books from classrooms after hours," he said.

It is the students, Mr. Boston said, who have made his career worthwhile at Murray State.

"Every year you had a new group of students to look forward to," he said. "From ag students to athletes, I liked them all."

It was the students who selected Mr. Boston "Employee of Year" in 2004 and 2005.

During the retirement ceremony, Murray State President Bill Pennington said he appreciated the dedication and loyalty Mr. Boston showed for the college.

Residence hall manager Laurie Bailey said Mr. Boston did a phenomenal job keeping the campus safe.

Fate was responsible for the start of Mr. Boston's career in law enforcement and fate was responsible for the end.

Mr. Boston suffered a bone infection due to complications from diabetes. A leg amputation followed. However, the 51-year-old is in good spirits and thanks God that his internal organs and eyesight were not affected.

Mr. Boston said he feels as if he is too young not to work and plans on finding employment in the near future.

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.

OKC Metro Council to move to new city location

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council will begin the New Year with a meeting Tuesday, January 2 at 7 p.m. at the Council building, 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City. Turkey sandwiches will be served along with some great desserts after the meeting.

Because the weather is uncertain this time of year, The council has chosen a simple method to determine whether to cancel meetings for ice or snow. Meetings will be canceled only if the Oklahoma City Public School System announces it is closing for bad weather.

December proved to be another busy month. Arthur Elsworth, Department of Family Advocacy, spoke at our last meeting. He aroused a lot of interest in the foster care and adoption program.

Mr. Elsworth informed us about the needs of many Chickasaw children. Hopefully, some new foster homes or adoptions will result from his visit. You can contact him at 580-252-4119 extension 13.

On behalf of Governor Anoatubby, Sheilla Brashier, Director of Special Events, and Sharon Nelson, Chickasaw Council Liaison, made an exciting announcement at the meeting. Our Council will soon be moving to another location in Oklahoma City. The Council Board Officers will get a sneak peak before Christmas and will let you know when we move.

Dione Harjo and Gay Berry displayed their crafts at our meeting in December. They are the daughters of Council Board member Pat Bartmess.

We were blessed with a beautiful day December 9 for our Annual Christmas Dinner. Three lovely girls in traditional dress from the Glorietta Baptist Church performed sign language to "The Lords Prayer" and "Silent Night" sung by Shirley Falls. Later in the program, Mrs. Falls, Lauren Tonemah and Sherra Falls sang Christmas carols and encouraged everyone to join them.

Brian Hulsey auctioned donated items and we all had fun bidding against each other. Brian also provided Christmas music during the turkey dinner.

Many thanks to everyone who decorated the building for the dinner and then stayed afterward to help clean.

Thanks also go to James Humes for delivering the apples, oranges and nuts. Pam Conard deserves a big pat on the back for food shopping and preparation of the turkey.

Sometimes those who work the hardest are taken for granted. Robert and Anna Cole fall into that category and we appreciate all the extra work they do every month.

In January, Stormy Bryant will resume teaching the Chickasaw Language class on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. Call 405-755-6983 for more information.

All our Council activities will continue at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City until our move to a new location is announced. For more information, call Betty Smith, Chair, at 405-348-7459 or visit our website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org <outbind://20/www.okc chickasawcouncil.org> .

Wichita Council to meet January 21

The Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, Kan., did not meet in December.

We hope everyone had a good holiday and we all look forward to the New Year. Our meetings will resume on January 21. To celebrate the beginning of 2007, we are planning a family get together with meal so we may have to change our meeting place. We have invited some special guests to celebrate with us.

This is a potluck dinner with meat being provided. Please RSVP to Judy Moser at 316-683-0556 for more information and event location.

Looking back over the events of 2006, we have been very happy to be recognized and confirmed as a Chickasaw Community Council. We thank all participants and extend an open invitation to everyone to come and share our growth through the coming year.

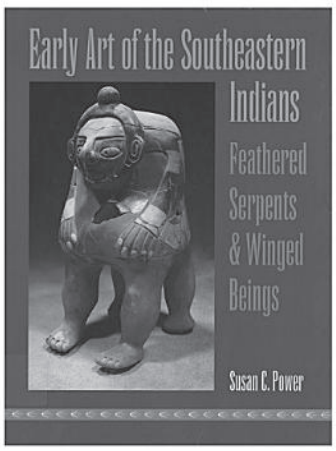
There was a great deal of information brought to our Council via the Chickasaw Nation's outreach efforts. We know we can access more information on programs available to those of us who live outside the boundries of the Chickasaw Nation.

We are working on some great projects and want every Chickasaw in our region to be involved. One of the new projects is gathering Chickasaw Family Stories. This includes gathering information about our local Chickasaw military personnel - past and present. Our Historian is Mr. James Green. You may email Lynn at lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com and request our guideline forms.

We are fortunate to be members of the Chickasaw Nation - Unconquered and Unconquerable.

Check it out . . . at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library!

Featured Selections of the Month



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Indian songwriter

Doris Jordan (c. 1972)
(Photo courtesy Brenda Tollett, Ada Evening News)

"Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Seminole, Creek," a song written by Doris Jordan. Mrs. Jordan is 1/16 Chickasaw. Rodd Rodgers composed the music and drum beat.

The song is a historical tribute to the Five Civilized Tribes. The Indian song was introduced October of 1972 at the Muskogee Centennial celebration.

Former Governor Hall was present and received a copy.

Mrs. Jordan's parents were musically inclined. Her dad Isaac Benton, played the fiddle for all the country dances, and her mother, Ella Benton played the piano and the zither for her church.

Mrs. Jordan was taught by Smiley Weaver how to strum and pick the guitar.

Mrs. Jordan loves to write songs, poems and short stories.

Chickasaw humanities course offered at ECU

Spring Clemente classes examine culture, essence of being Chickasaw

ADA, Okla. - What does it mean to be Chickasaw? What does it mean to have the heart of a Chickasaw?

These questions and more are answered in the very popular Clemente humanities program. The program offers an exciting opportunity to explore the heart, spirit and creativity of the Chickasaw people. Their culture, language, history and traditions will be explored and compared to cultures of other American Indians.

The Clemente II Humanities Study Course begins January 2007 at East Central University in Ada. It is available to any Chickasaw citizen who desires to learn more about himself, his tribe and other tribes.

Lona Barrick, Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities administrator, said she is often asked how the Chickasaws remained unconquered and unconquerable.

"It's an important question and the Clemente II course assists in that discovery, delving deeply into the culture, history and identity issues of the Chickasaw people," Ms. Barrick said. "By examining both ancient and contemporary art, language, spirituality, traditions and governments, students learn not only how Chickasaws are different from others tribes, but also how we are alike."

Along with weekly assignments and lively class discussion, humanities professor Dr. Michael Hughes and notable guests help students through the discovery process with special presentations in the fields of government, art, language, literature and other disciplines.

Experts and cultural specialists presenting during the fall Clemente I course included tribal historian Richard Green, artist Jeannie Barbour, archeologist LaDonna Brown, legal specialist Robert Cheadle, Chickasaw storyteller Lorie Robins and Pauline Brown, a language specialist serving on the Chickasaw Language Committee.

"This wonderful course not only covers the Chickasaw Nation but explores relationships among other tribes as well, historically and in the modern world," Pam Kanuch, executive assistant for Chickasaw Nation Administrative Services and former Clemente student, said. "The class environment is very supportive and considerate of non-traditional college students.

"I highly recommend the Clemente II class."

Clemente II students can earn three hours of college credit upon successful completion of the course. A limited number of tuition scholarships are available to Chickasaw citizens exclusively for the Clemente courses through the Arts and Humanities Division. Enrollment is limited, but is available to tribal employees and ECU students when space is available.

Weekly classes begin January 11 and end May 10. The class is conducted on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:05 p.m. in the Hayes Native American Study Center, room 322 of the Horace Mann Building on the ECU campus.

For more information about the Clemente II Humanities Study Course, call Laura Clark or Julie Burwell in the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520, or email laura.clark@chickasaw.net or julie.burwell@chickasaw.net.

Northern Pontotoc Council to meet Jan. 11

The Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council met Nov. 9 at the new meeting location, the Chickasaw Enterprise Training Center in Tri-City.

We had a very large turnout at the November meeting. The Nation provided medical staff to administer flu shots to Chickasaw members.

Guest speaker Jeannie Lunsford gave a talk and information on breast cancer. Guest speaker Laura Morrison and Julie Burwell gave a presentation on Arts and Humanities.

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 11 at 7 p.m. A representative from the Administrative Services Department will be there to enroll members and distribute CDIB cards. Please plan to attend the next meeting in January.

Tribe sponsoring Chickasaw language classes

ADA, Okla. - Two courses to help teachers prepare to teach Chickasaw as a second language will be offered at East Central University during the Spring 2007 semester.

The Chickasaw Language Revitalization and Speech Emergence courses will focus on second language learning methods and Chickasaw language.

Certified teachers and those who teach or would like to teach the Chickasaw language in a formal environment are encouraged to enroll. Taken together, the courses provide six hours of college credit.

Classes will be conducted each Saturday beginning Jan. 20 from noon to 5:50 p.m.

Current ECU students may enroll online on the university website.

Enrollment for others will begin 11 a.m., Jan. 20 in room 233 of Horace Mann.

Professors from several universities and local teachers will provide instruction.

Instructors include Dr. William Pulte, a Muskogean linguistics specialist from Southern Methodist University; Dr. Veronica Pasternak, of the University of North Texas; and Adrianna Rodriguez, director of the alternative teacher certification program at Richland College in Dallas.

Chickasaw language revitalization specialist Pat Cox and others will offer instruction in Chickasaw language.

While applicable ECU tuition and fees apply, scholarships are available.

For more information contact Sue Linder-Linsley, Director, Chickasaw Cultural Center, sue.linder-linsley@chickasaw.net, (580)436-7260.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Voc Rehab seeks used coats, jackets to go to needy

Winter is approaching! No one should have to be without a coat!

The Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program is collecting clean, reusable coats and jackets to assist those in need this winter.

Coats of all shapes and sizes are welcome and children sizes are most needed. All donated coats will be distributed to local children and adults free of charge.

The Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program has made donating a coat simple. Just bring your clean, reusable coats and jackets to the Vocational Rehabilitation Office located at 222 South Mississippi in Ada, through the month of January. We will take care of the rest! All donated coats will be given to area agencies for distribution.

For more information, contact Rebecca Beninati, Angela Garcia or Tina Gilmore at (580) 436-0553 or toll free at 1-888-436-0553.

Mental Workbench

As the day diminishes and my thoughts expand into the morrow.
The actual possibilities are a never ending source.
Which can only be expanded upon by we who are investigative.
And seek to broaden the intelligence of the whole human race.

I will start and perhaps finish a degree of improvement.
For all who groan for expansion of life.
We who donate our mental capabilities for human consumption.
Will forever be remembered by the grateful few.

May my accomplishments be savored.
And forever contribute to mental expansion.
Making this earth a better habitat.
Leaving my ideas with extensions yet to be mastered.
Written by: Doris Jordan

Chikashsha Anompa

New Year's Day	Afammi Himitta
The rabbit hops.	Chokfi ut malli.
The turtle swims.	Loksi ut oka yopi.
The bear runs.	Nita ut malili.
The birds fly.	Foshi ut wakaa.
Amy jumps.	Amy ut malli.
Jack is running.	Jack ut malili.
Alexis is eating.	Alexis ut impa.
The horse is black.	Soba ut losa.
The cat is white.	Kowi ut tohbi.
The wolf is white.	Nashoba ut tohbi.
It was hot.	Palli tok.
It was cold.	Kapassa tok.
It was warm.	Lashpa tok.
It was cool.	Kapassachi tok.
It will be hot.	Palla chi.
It will be cold.	Kapassa chi
It will be warm.	Lashpa chi.

Red Earth Benefit Dinner

Gov. Anoatubby, Chickasaws help raise funds for Indian programs

Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington and Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby helped raise funds for Red Earth, Inc. at the Dec. 14 Red Earth benefit dinner at the Oklahoma state capitol. Herrington served as the event's Honorary Co-Chair and Governor Anoatubby delivered the keynote address.

Chickasaw artists, from left, Joanna Underwood, Mike Larsen, Daniel Worcester, Jeannie Barbour, Joshua Hinson, Micah Hart and Kelley Lunsford with Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby during the recent Red Earth Benefit Dinner and Auction at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Several prominent Chickasaws recently participated in the Red Earth Benefit Dinner and Auction at the Oklahoma State Capitol in Oklahoma City. Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby served as the evening's keynote speaker, and Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington served as an honorary chair for the event committee.

Red Earth, Inc., is an educational nonprofit organization working to promote, preserve and promulgate the rich traditions of American Indian history and cultures. The event helped raise funds to support the organization's work.

"What an honor to be asked to speak at this wonderful event," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Red Earth does so much to benefit Native Americans of all tribes. It's great to be part of something that will help their efforts."

Artists from 14 different tribes contributed paintings, sculptures, pottery, jewelry, bead and wood work and more to the auction that included more than $42,000 worth of artwork.

Included in the auction was the work of nine Chickasaw artists, including Jeannie Barbour, Brent Greenwood, Micah Hart, Joshua Hinson, Susie Johnston, Mike Larsen, Fran Rice, Joanna Underwood and Daniel Worcester.

In 2006, Red Earth recognized Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen as the year's Honored One. This award recognizes a Native American master visual artist who supports and positively influences the Native American artistic community, and who embraces and embodies the collective wisdom of his/her cultural experience.

Red Earth's work falls in three main areas. The Red Earth Museum hosts a respected permanent collection of more than 1,400 items of Native American art. The organization's educational programs operate year-round, drawing from exhibits, workshops, demonstrations, and seminars that showcase art, dance, music, and literature. Its annual festival is the largest and most respected Native American visual and performing arts event of its type in the world.

Proceeds collected from the art auction benefit Red Earth's general fund and will be used in all three areas.

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Tribe launches youth substance abuse support group program

The Chickasaw Nation has recently established a new substance abuse support group targeting youth ages 10-17 with alcohol or substance abuse related problems.

The program is designed to teach positive decision making skills, empower youth to overcome addictions and help develop coping techniques. The program will also have participants evaluate the risks and consequences of negative behavior, as well as focus on setting goals and improving self-esteem.

Issues such as drug and alcohol dependency, depression, suicide and violence will be tackled in the sessions.

The curriculum will include a version of the 12-step recovery, this one tailored for juveniles.

Juvenile substance abuse is a major problem in the community. It not only affects the child, but the family and society as well. Substance abuse can lead to delinquency, health-related problems, violent behavior and even suicide. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15-24 year-olds in Oklahoma. According to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health, suicide outnumbered homicide rates for 15-19 year-olds 72 percent of the time between 1976 and 2002. When preventive measures such as substance abuse programs intervene in drug dependency, the child has a greater chance of overcoming the addiction and exiting this devastating cycle.

The initial sessions will began in Ada in December, and subsequent groups in the Ada and Ardmore areas will follow. The groups will last for nine weeks and sessions will be conducted in the evenings. There will be pre- and post-screenings to gauge participants' progress.

Information has been mailed out to community agencies and local schools. Referrals can also be made by parents or guardians at the Chickasaw Nation Office of Juvenile Affairs.

If you have a child between the ages of 10 and 17 who has an alcohol or substance abuse related problem, or is at-risk and would like more information,

please contact Candy Hightower at (580) 310-6438. The program is open to all and is free of charge.

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November 2006 Students of the Month

Students of the Month have been selected for November 2006 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a $25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood in grades one through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

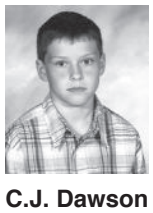
Miranda Kibart and **Shane Mays** of Ravia Elementary and **Josie Holt** and **C.J. Dawson** of Tishomingo Middle School are the November students of the month in Tishomingo District.

"**Miranda Kibart** demonstrates a positive attitude and she is respectful to her peers and teachers," said Debbie Akins.

"**Shane Mays** has a positive attitude and is a hard worker," said Debbie Akins. "He is respectful to his peers and teachers."

"**Josie Holt** sets a good example of responsibility for her peers," said Donna Owens. "She is in class on time; she gets her work done and turned in; and she rarely misses school. She treats her teachers and classmates respectfully. Her good grades are a reflection of her hard work. I believe Josie has the quality of and deserves recognition as student of the month."

Josie Holt


C.J. Dawson

"**C.J Dawson** works hard to maintain good grades," said Donna Owens. "He comes to class prepared to work and gets his work turned in on time. He is prepared to participate in class discussions. He presents a respectful attitude to both teachers and peers. His work ethic and positive attitude sets an example for his classmates."

Mishana Ellison of Latta Elementary, **Haines Todd** of Tuttle Intermediate, **Tori Watson** and **Codey Cooper** of Latta Jr. High, **Erin Case** of Byng High and **Kyle Wood** of Stratford High are November students of the month in Pontotoc District.

"**Mishana Ellison** is a good student," said Mrs. Rauch. "She works hard to keep all A's and B's. Mishana is not satisfied to meet her accelerated math and reading goals. She wants to exceed those goals. Mishana is outgoing, friendly and shows great love toward her family and friends."

Mishana Ellison

"**Haines Todd** is a responsible and polite young man," said Donna Windsor. "His work is always his best. His attitude is positive in the classroom and the playground. He treats his teachers and peers with respect. He is friendly, caring, studious, responsible, consistent and a pleasure to teach. I believe he can become anything he wants to be."

"**Tori Watson** is one of the sweetest students I have ever been around," said Terry Pinter. "She is very smart and very well liked by her teachers. Several of Tori's teachers have mentioned to me what a good and fun student she is to have in class. I think Tori would be very deserving of this honor."

Tori Watson

"**Codey Cooper** is one of the nicest and respectful young men I have ever been around," said Terry Pinter. "Codey is well liked by his teachers and peers and always has a smile on his face. I feel he would be very deserving of this honor."

Codey Cooper

"**Erin Case** is a very hard working young lady with a pleasing personality and wonderful outlook on life," said Merry Monroe. "She enjoys people and is well liked by all of her teachers and schoolmates. While working hard to keep up her grades she is also active in Future Farmers of American and holds an office in this organization. Erin is looking forward to attending college and plans to major in the field of agriculture. It is a pleasure to work with Erin and to watch how she enjoys life. I find it a privilege to nominate her for this honor."

"**Kyle Wood** is a very talented young man," said Angela Martin. "Despite being born three months premature and being hospitalized for the first few weeks of his life, he has developed into a very talented football player and short-distance sprinter. He also works very hard to maintain respective grades. Kyle is a very mild-mannered young man and occasionally helps in teaching pre-K Sunday school class at his church."

Kyle Wood

Baylee Walker of Turner Elementary, **Payden Walls** of Charles Evans Elemenatry (Ardmore), **Taylor Royal** of Plainview Middle School, **Dakoata Gorrell** of Kingston Middle School and **Cameron Piercy** of Comanche High are the November students of the month in the Pickens District.

Baylee Walker

"**Baylee Walker** is an outstanding student, she excels in her school work," said Sue Keller. "Baylee will not settle for anything but perfect. She also has an outstanding personality. She is a very sweet and caring child an absolute joy to be around."

"**Payden Walls** has good manners and good citizenship," said Mrs. Roskam.

Payden Walls

"**Taylor Royal** is a very responsible young lady with maturity beyond her years," said Kim Woods. "She is working very hard to keep her grades up and is beginning to reap the rewards of studying and hardwork. Taylor has many responsibilities at home and learning to organize those with middle school has been a challenge. Taylor recently acquired a flute and is looking forward to learning how to play. I am very proud of Taylor."

Taylor Royal

"**Dakoata Gorrell** is an eighth grader at Kingston Middle School. He is active in all sports and has worked to become a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and is a member of the Gorrell Martial Arts Demo Team that performs at various activities throughout the year," said Sue Shilling. "Dakaota comes from a very supportive family who stress the importance of character, discipline and developing a strong work ethic, while still having fun as a kid. Dakaota has been on the Governor's Honor Roll since third grade."

Dakoata Gorrell

"**Cameron Piercy** is the perfect example of the characteristics which student of the month embodies," said Lyndsey Miller. "He is responsible, charismatic, leader, highly intelligent, organized and dependable. He is involved in many school and community activities and is one of our school's most respected seniors. He has the respect of teachers, administration and his fellow classmates. Cameron is very talented in the area of speech and debate and his passion for excellence is unmatched."

Smith, Alexander wed in Lexington

Madelyn and Alvin Alexander, Sr.

Alvin Lynn Alexander Sr., of Lexington, Okla., and Madelyn Kay Smith of Ada, Okla., were united in marriage Aug. 23, 2006 at Lexington.

Madelyn is the daughter of the late Leona and Kuton Smith and the granddaughter of the late Ethel and Jacob Shields.

Alvin is the son of the late Jim Alexander and Wanda Alexander, Ada. He is the grandson of the late Watt and Minnie Alexander and the great-grandson of the late John "Jonah" Alexander.

The couple celebrated with a small reception with few friends and family members.

The couple plans to reside in Ada.

Conference focuses on child development activities

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Child Care Development Department hosted its Third Annual Child Development Conference on December 16 at East Central University in Ada.

The conference was open to anyone involved in the development of a child. Teachers, parents, grandparents, owners and operators of child care centers, and individuals interested in children's development were encouraged to attend.

Experts from all fields of child care educated and enlightened attendees on many subjects from classroom activities, music, family time, discipline, fun and healthy snacks, brain power, nature, communicable diseases and more.

This year's theme, "Treasure Our Children," set the scene of pirates and shipwrecks across the campus. A special luncheon was also provided with keynote speaker, Angela Russ.

Ms. Russ is an award-winning children's music producer, artist and trainer. From her years of experience, she shared how to combine music, movement and learning. She showed how music can creatively engage children in fine and gross motor movement that can increase coordination, improve school readiness skills, build self-esteem and more.

Sessions were conducted throughout the day and door prizes were given during the luncheon and closing ceremonies.

For more information about future child development conferences, contact Gary Wear or Denisia Deramus at (580) 436-0877.

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Session instructor Merrilee Barrington shares ideas for classroom projects with those attending the Third Annual Child Development Conference in Ada.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

Ada Chickasaw Community Council
Ada, OK
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Marie Bailey Community Center
Lura Mullican
580-272-5085
l.mullican@chickasaw.net

Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
Connerville, OK
Tue. before the 3rd Fri. of the month at 6:30 pm
Connerville Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site
Emma Mcleod
580-371-2361
emma.mcleod@chickasaw.net

Duncan Chickasaw Community Council
Duncan, OK
1st Monday at 6:30 pm
2414 Harris Drive
Sherri Rose, Chair
580-255-0152
wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Tishomingo, OK
3rd Monday at 6:30 pm – January meeting date is a Holiday. Next meeting is February 12, 2007
Call for information
Ann Fink, Chair
580-371-3351
flora.fink@chickasaw.net

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Enos, OK – 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Enos Fire Department
Sara Lea, Chair
580-564-4570
lsar747@duracom.net

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Amber - Blanchard - Minco - Newcastle - Tuttle Area, OK
2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center
400 NW 32nd Hwy. 37
Newcastle, OK
Jeanette Haywood, Chair
405-381-4101
jeanette.haywood@yahoo.com

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
Oklahoma City Area
1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Chickasaw Council House
3301 E. Reno
Del City, OK
Betty Smith, Chair
405-348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com
www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
Purcell, OK
4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Regional Office – 1601 S. Green Ave.
Keith Shackleford, Chair
405-527-5745
lowakchuffa@yahoo.com

COLORADO ~~~
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Denver, CO
2nd Saturday at 11:30 am
Call for location
Carol Berry
303-235-0282
Chickasaw303@yahoo.com

CALIFORNIA ~~~
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Banning, CA
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Call for location
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair
909-213-7273
liknryn@hotmail.com

KANSAS ~~~
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS
Wichita, KS
3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm.
Call for Location
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair
316-945-9219
lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair
316-393-0696

TEXAS ~~~
Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Call for time and location
Michele Moody, Chair
210-492-2288
mmoody@docuguides.com

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday every other month
Call for location
John C. Atkins, Chair
972-271-0692
Linda Hewitt, Secretary
214-543-1080
Lhewitt9@netzero.com

Delgado named financial officer for tribe's Bank2

With over six years in the banking business, Cynthia Delgado finds herself as the newly elected financial officer for Bank2, one of the fastest growing, full service, minority-owned, banks in the nation.

Delgado has held several key positions at the $80 million financial institution headquartered in Oklahoma City and owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation. Her most recent role in human resources helped prepare her for new challenges.

"I have had great career opportunities here at Bank2," Delgado said. "The investment Bank2 makes in its employees has encouraged me to strive for a position on the management team. I'm excited about my new role as a financial officer."

Bank2 President and CEO Ross A. Hill has been impressed with Delgado since she began her financial career with him back in 2000. Hill is especially encouraged about her future as a banker with Bank2. "Cynthia has the perfect profile for a career in our industry," Hill said. "She has a strong desire to make a quality difference in the lives of people and she enjoys dealing with financial matters. No wonder she did so well earning her degree in Economics from the University of Oklahoma.

Indian math, science students invited to SOSU society meeting

Are you a Native American college student attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University? Are you majoring in the fields of Science, Math, Computer Science, or any Health Care related field? Do you have a dream to be a member of a large corporation with fringe benefits?

Come to our next AISES (American Indian Science & Engineering Society) meeting on campus in room 303 of the New Student Union on Thursday, January 11, at 1:30 p.m. Become a charter member of this new campus organization.

Contact: Chris Wesberry, SOSU Native American Counselor, at 580-745-2376 or by email at cwesberry@sosu.edu; Jana Lou Callaway, NAEIE Academic Counselor, at 580-745-2812 or by email at jlcallaway@sosu.edu to find out more information how this organization can pave a bright path to your future.

New Jersey Indian center focuses on employment

The New Jersey Native American Employment and Training Center recently opened its doors at 103 Bayard St. in New Brunswick. The new program will offer a variety of employment services and supports to Native Americans living in New Jersey.

The center is funded through the Indian and Native American Workforce Act. Its goal is to provide quality employment and training services to American Indians to help employers find the kind of skilled workers they need.

"The program is very comprehensive," Brenda Davis, program Career Development Counselor, said. "We will be providing assessment, job search and placement, help making resumes and interview coaching."

New Jersey is the home of three Indian communities-the Ramapough Mountain Indians, the Powhatan Renape and the Nanticok Lenni-Lenape. There are also American Indians from many different parts of the country living in New Jersey. According to the 2000 Census, there are about 65,000 residents who claim to be either American Indian or Alaskan native, or another race and American Indian and Alaskan Native.

"People are often surprised at the number of American Indians living in New Jersey," David said. There are representatives from a variety of tribes including Lakota, Apache, Cherokee, Hopi, and Lenape. These kinds of services are especially helpful to people coming from the reservations." Davis is a Mohawk Indian from the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario, Canada.

Davis is uniquely qualified to work with different tribal members. She is one of the founders and former President of Intertribal Indians of New Jersey and has worked to educate the general public about the uniqueness of each individual tribal culture.

Anyone interested in the program should call Davis at (732) 246-2533. The center is located on the second floor of 103 Bayard St. in New Brunswick. The email address is nknative.wia@verizon.net

Annual Christmas Dinner for Elders, Dec. 15

Harrel and Dean McManus visit with Gov. Anoatubby.

Verlene Jackson of the Ardmore senior site visits with Geneva Holman of the Ada senior site.

Wanda Scribner, Eileen Underwood of the Tishomingo senior site and Rocky Wright of the Aging staff.

Ethel Brooksher and Lee Crossley of the Purcell senior site.

Geraldine Greenwood and Pat Cox of the Ada senior site.

Olene and Joe Beshirs of the Achille senior site visit with Gov. Anoatubby.

Proposal includes Chickasaw homelands cultural center

Governor seeks resurrection of 18th Century *Chokkilissa*

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

Chokkilissa, the Chickasaw's 18th century "capital," may be recreated in a dramatically different form at its historic homeland location if Governor Bill Anoatubby's proposal is approved by the U.S. National Park Service.

This new *Chokkilissa*, meaning "deserted dwellings" in Chickasaw, would be the site for a multimillion dollar cultural center devoted to the Chickasaws. Further, if the federal government agrees that the *Chokkilissa* site meets the requirements for a National Historic Landmark, it could be so designated by the Secretary of the Interior. (There are 19 in Oklahoma, including both the Cherokee and Creek capitals.)

Gov. Anoatubby led a small delegation to Tupelo, Mississippi, December 6, 2006, for a meeting convened by National Park Service (NPS) officials to discuss his proposal to locate a federally funded and administered center at *Chokkilissa* (pronounced Chuck-ah-lee-sah). Planning money for the cultural center was appropriated by Congress in 2006.

This proposed cultural center should not be confused with the Chickasaw Nation's cultural center which is being constructed now in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The portion of *Chokkilissa* that was the focus of the meeting consists of roughly 300 acres of privately owned, undeveloped land in Tupelo, Mississippi.

While no markers indicate the land's historic significance and very few local residents know anything about it, archaeologists and local artifact collectors say that Chickasaw remains and many of the more durable artifacts are buried beneath the surface. The remainder of the several village sites that made up the settlement, referred to as "Old Town" or "Big Town" by the British, was destroyed by years of commercial development Furthermore, in the late 1970s, the east-west construction of U.S. Highway 78 cut right through the heart of *Chokkilissa*.

Gov. Anoatubby was accompanied by Kirk Perry, Brian Campbell and me. Joining us at the parkway headquarters was Jessica Crawford of the Archaeological Conservancy and archaeologist Brad Lieb, who made a detailed report in support of Gov. Anoatubby's position. The NPS was represented by Natchez Trace Parkway acting superintendent Mark Woods, Craig Stubblefield, parkway chief of resource management, and Arthur Frederick, NPS regional deputy director from Atlanta, GA.

The meeting resulted following a letter that Gov. Anoatubby wrote to then parkway superintendent Wendell Simpson on June 28, 2006. His letter was prompted by an editorial in a Tupelo newspaper, noting that federal funds had been set aside for a Chickasaw cultural center in Tupelo.

I inquired from Stubblefield if a location had been selected. When he said it had not, I informed Gov. Anoatubby, and with his consent drafted a letter for his review to Simpson. In that letter the governor made his proposal for establishing the cultural center at Chokkilissa. In his opening remarks at the meeting, Gov. Anoatubby emphasized the importance to the tribe of this initiative. "We want to preserve and protect as much of this historically important land as possible, and if this parcel of land is selected to be the site of the cultural center, we know it will be."

Later, he said, "We want to tell Chickasaws and everyone who visits this cultural center about the remarkable events that occurred on the site where they actually happened. We consider this to be sacred land, sanctified by our ancestors' valor in successfully defending their homeland against great odds."

The Process

Superintendent Woods said the federally mandated process for selecting a location "begins today. We [NPS] wanted to hear from the tribal leadership first, especially in view of Gov. Anoatubby's letter." But the process, which he describes as methodical and purposeful, includes "scoping meetings" to solicit public comment. He said one would be held in Tupelo and one in Ada. No dates are set, but the announcement of the meetings will be well-publicized in both areas.

Director Frederick said that the public process recognizes special interest groups or "stakeholders," such as the Chickasaw Nation and the city of Tupelo. Woods said the NPS emphasizes the need of getting stakeholders actively involved in the process. He said the process also involves drafting an environmental assessment in accordance with federal law.

Planning for the culture center should begin by the end of January, according to Stubblefield. "We have no concept or design yet," he said. "A planning commission will be named and will include Chickasaw membership."

The Governor told the group that the idea for a federally funded Chickasaw cultural center in Tupelo went back to the late 1980s when $10 million was requested for that purpose. He said most of the Mississippi congressional delegation supported the measure, but vested interests in the state believed "there was room for only one Indian tribe in the state," and they prevailed and the project ended.

The idea surfaced again in 2001 when NPS officials and the mayor of Tupelo traveled to Ada to present it to the Anoatubby administration and ask for cooperation from the Chickasaw Nation. In 2002, Gov. Anoatubby and then Natchez Trace Parkway superintendent Wendell Simpson signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) pledging cooperation in the development of the center, which was then planned to be located on NPS parkway land in Tupelo near a spot called the Chickasaw Village. This site, in the western part of Tupelo, was excavated by archaeologists in the late 1930s.

But as Gov. Anoatubby noted in his letter to Simpson, the Chickasaws in 2002 didn't know then where *Chokkilissa* was located. That had changed in 2004 when three Tupelo artifact collectors agreed to donate their large collections to the Nation and provide detailed information on site locations.

Based on that information and the further identification and analysis of it by archaeologists who had been contracted for that purpose by the Nation, the *Chokkilissa* settlement and three other major settlements were identified and mapped. One of those archaeologists, Brad Lieb, was invited to make a presentation documenting *Chokkilissa's* historical importance and current status.

He said he started studying Chickasaw history and artifacts in 1996 as part of a Mississippi State University (MSU) excavation of a Chickasaw village site that was unearthed during the expansion of a Tupelo medical center. Lieb was the pottery expert of a multidisciplinary team of archaeologists studying Chickasaw material from excavations in the 1930s. (All of the material from these excavations later was reburied by Chickasaws in ceremonies near the original sites.)

In 2004, Lieb and MSU archaeologist John O'Hear were hired to catalog the collections and debrief the collectors. During this work, Lieb came to think of Chokkilissa as, in effect, the Chickasaw capital and decided that the proposed cultural center should be located there. He wrote letters to that effect to Gov. Anoatubby and NPS officials, but NPS was not yet ready to move ahead.

The Evidence

Lieb's presentation reflected archaeological and documentary evidence. He showed maps of *Chokkilissa's* location and photos of European-made and Chickasaw- made artifacts from some of the settlement's seven villages. One period map showed that the Natchez Trace (the road from Natchez to Nashville) ran through the settlement. That the old trace was routed through *Chokkilissa* indicates the settlement's military and trade importance, Lieb said.

While showing photos of the artifacts, he said that the artifacts indicate that Chickasaws were living at *Chokkilissa* from at least 1650, and then in the latter decades of the 17th century they apparently left the site for some years--we don't know why--until resettling the area in the 18th century," Lieb said. "It could be that the well-armed Iroquois had been attacking those villages at a time when the Chickasaws had not yet acquired guns." (English trader Thomas Nairne in 1708 alluded to attacking Iroquois, but didn't say when.)

By 1740, to better defend themselves against the French-supported Indian attacks, all homeland Chickasaws had consolidated into about seven small villages at *Chokkilissa,* Lieb said. Apparently, each was fortified by palisaded forts and earthen embankments built onto some of the more vulnerable houses.

Still, English correspondence shows that many Chickasaws died defending the homeland and especially during the hunting trips that were essential for feeding the people. As a result, the Chickasaw population dipped to about 1,600, a number so low that the Chickasaw defenders feared for their survival. (**See Letter from *Chokkilissa***.)

At the same time, it was noted that warriors somehow were able to restrict French supply and communication traffic on the Mississippi River, a strategy that contributed to the Chickasaws survival. With enormous determination, bravery and British guns, the Chickasaws held out at their small enclave of Chokkilissa for more than two decades--until France ceded its colony to Great Britian in 1763.

Other momentous events that occurred at *Chokkilissa* were also mentioned by Lieb and members of the Chickasaw delegation. One was a 1736 battle against the French. Southeastern Indians rarely fought pitched battles, preferring quick-hitting raids, but one French-led battle against the Chickasaws in 1736 ended in disaster for the French and in a fiery death for several of the French, including the commandant, Pierre d'Artaguette. This was the battle of *Ougoula Tchetoka*, a village within the *Chokkalissa* settlement.

Losing this battle, which occurred on March 25, and another big offensive known as the Battle of Ackia two months later, decimated the French officer

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'Its About Money'

Bank2 here to help you when making financial decisions

Ross Hill

By ROSS HILL
CEO
Bank2

It is probably fair to say that there are few people who aren't at least aware of the hit game show *Deal or No Deal*. Howie Mandel, the former curly headed funny man, has dropped the locks and is now sporting a famous hairdo fit only for a straight razor as the host for the popular game show.

While accompanying his guests on a financial decision-making journey that makes a roller coaster ride a bore, contestants are given the opportunity to select from a variety of briefcases that contain various amounts of money. Some hold large amounts, others just enough to buy a cup of coffee. The goal? Open as many of the remaining briefcases as possible without breaking the bank. There is a chance that you might just hold the briefcase with the mother lode.

Along the way the veiled moneyman tempts participants with financial offers for their briefcases. He, as well as the contestant, weighs the odds. Are the big bucks in the chosen briefcase or some where among the remaining moneyboxes? The offer is made, "Deal or no deal?" The decision has serious repercussions. Take the offer and you might escape bankruptcy. Refuse it, and you might be financially set for life. Either way, it comes down to a financial decision.

Financial decisions made on *Deal or No Deal* are for fun. Make a wrong decision and in the worst case you leave with nothing more than you came with. Don't you wish life's financial decisions were just as entertaining? Make the wrong financial decision in life and bankruptcy might become a painful reality. The financial decisions we make have real consequences.

It really comes down to choices. Chances are this past year you made some choices that improved your financial position. Then on the other hand, there were likely a few decisions you would like to have another shot at. However, like contestants on the game show, there is no turning back. Win or lose, you have to live with the decisions you make.

Contestants on the game show have friends and family who help them make financial decisions along the way. Who are you relying on the help you make financial decisions? Do you have a friend, family member or financial adviser who can give you a wise second opinion? Solomon was right when he suggested that there is much wisdom with many advisors.

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corps and significantly crippled French designs to control the lower Mississippi Valley. (Some Chickasaws familiar with these battles suspect, if not outright claim, that if the Chickasaws had been defeated in 1736, Americans would be speaking French today.)

The Chickasaw land cession treaties of 1805 and 1818 were negotiated with the United States and were signed at *Chokkillisa*. At the latter, the U.S. was represented by General Andrew Jackson. The Chickasaws were led principally by Chief Levi Colbert. His brothers, William, George and James were also present at a council house, as was Chief Tishomingo.

A Sober Reminder

Despite farming, development, erosion and decades of looting by collectors, Lieb said that the portion of *Chokkilissa* that hasn't been destroyed probably still contains a large amount of cultural material. This would necessitate a non-invasive survey by archaeologists to get an idea of where areas of settlement remain.

Gov. Anoatubby said if the land is obtained for the cultural center, "our historic and sacred settlement would be preserved and protected, as authorized by federal laws, in the manner of the Chickasaw Village site on Natchez Trace Parkway land. He added that this collaborative venture is an opportunity for federal, state and local officials—whose predecessors looked the other way as our settlements were being destroyed—to welcome us back to the site that served, in effect, as our capital."

Following the meeting, the participants drove out to a spot on a road that is close to the western boundary of what is left of *Chokkilissa*. Lieb said that since he was there last, the large field to our left had been brushhogged (cleared), suggesting that the landowner may have plans for commercial development. The field was on a long ridge top, where Chickasaws traditionally built their villages. And since the land was part of *Chokkilissa,* it could well have been the site of one of the villages more than 250 years ago. This dramatically underscored for everyone gazing out across the field that day the possibility that soon more remnants of *Chokkilissa* may be destroyed right under our noses.

Letter from *Chokkilissa*, April 1754

The following letter, expressed by Chickasaw head men stated their plight clearly to England's colonial governor of Carolina

It's true some Years ago we did not mind how many our Enemies were, but that is not our case at Present, our Number being reduced to a handful of Men, and thereby we are rendered uncapable of keeping our Ground without a Continuance of your friendly Assistance, we not being able to hunt nor are we free from the Hands of our Enemies even in our Towns, so that it is impossible for us to kill Dear to buy cloathing for ourselves, our wives, and Children, or even to purchase ammunition.

[Without more guns and ammunition] we must either stand and be shott, or defend the Enemies' Bullets with our Hatchets as we have nothing else…

Youth-focused diabetes prevention program offered through tribal Boys and Girls Clubs

SULPHUR, Okla. - A coalition of Native American groups and athletic apparel maker Nike have teamed up with the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club in Sulphur to provide support for a diabetes prevention program.

The Together Raising Awareness For Indian Life (T.R.A.I.L.) program focuses on physical activity, culture, diet and good habits for life.

According to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, an increasing number of children are at home with no adult supervision and left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets.

The Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Clubs can provide supervision, positive role models and encourage healthy lifestyles.

"We want to make kids knowledgeable and demonstrate healthy lifestyles, so maybe the kids can teach other family members about diabetes prevention," said program coordinator Robyn Zike.

The T.R.A.I.L. program targets eight- to 10-year-olds and is an innovative combination of physical, educational and nutritional fun activities.

The 12-week program is open to all children ages eight through 10 interested in developing healthful life long habits and being diabetes-free. T.R.A.I.L begins in January and runs through May.

"We are giving them a chance," Ms. Zike said. "If you start at a younger age, your chances of success are greater."

The program's trial run last year was so successful that funding and support was renewed.

"In T.R.A.I.L, we played fun games, ate healthy snacks and learned a lot to help us from getting diabetes," said 10-year-old Shaynee Reynen, of Sulphur.

The Chickasaw Nation club in Sulphur was one of an elite 28 recipients selected to participate in the initiative. The staff attributes high participation, high attendance and high physical activity (60 minutes daily) to the program's success.

Participants draw from tribal traditions and history to learn about nutrition, food choices and the impact of diabetes. They apply decision-making and goal-setting skills to Physical Activity Challenges. Students also engage in service projects to improve the health of their communities.

Membership fees for Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Clubs are $12 a year. For more information, call (580) 622-8442.

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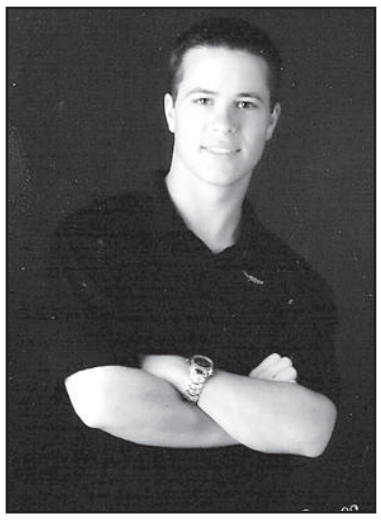

Thomas Luman

Mr. Thomas Luman, of Oklahoma City, is the recipient of the 2006-2007 **Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship**. Mr. Luman is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma and is pursuing a degree in aviation.

Thomas attended Oklahoma Boys State, was a section leader for Westmoore High School Chambers Choir, and is a member of the Oakcrest Church of Christ, National Honor Society, Drama Club, and Youth and Government.

After realizing his life-long dream of becoming a pilot, Thomas enrolled at the University of Oklahoma. His step-brother is a pilot which helped him decide what an amazing life it would be to become one himself. He understands the road will be long and hard, but is willing to make the sacrifice for the end result.

The **Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship** is a $1,250 scholarship awarded annually to a Chickasaw student pursuing a course of study in aviation. This scholarship was established and funded by the Wiley Post Commission and The Chickasaw Nation.

Ms. Scott was a famed Chickasaw aviatrix. She was a pioneer in her work in aviation, and also in her work with The Chickasaw Nation.

She displayed the courage, strength of character and indomitable spirit that was an inspiration to everyone who knew her.

Chickasaw Foundation announces new scholarships for 2007

The Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees is proud to announce the addition of the newest scholarships for 2007: **Chickasaw Children's Village Scholarship, Ataloa Memorial Scholarship** and **Janie Hardwick Benson Memorial Scholarship**.

The **Chickasaw Children's Village Scholarship** is a $1,000 ($500 per semester) scholarship that will be awarded annually to a Chickasaw undergraduate student housed at the Chickasaw Children's Village during his or her senior year of high school.

The **Ataloa Memorial Scholarship** is a $500 scholarship that will be awarded annually to a Chickasaw undergraduate student who is pursuing a major in music (vocal, Native American, composition, music education, or any other related field as approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees).

The **Janie Hardwick Benson Memorial Scholarship** is a $500 scholarship that will be awarded annually to a Chickasaw undergraduate or graduate student majoring in nursing and pursuing an AND, BSN or MSN degree. The student must have a 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Our 2007-2008 scholarship application should be available in February 2007 on our website, www.chickasawfoundation.org. You may call our office at (580) 421-9030 for any information regarding our scholarships or to be placed on our mailing list. You may also send us an email at chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound News

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science students "walked like Egyptians" at the Oklahoma Museum of Art in Oklahoma City on November 18, 2006.

"The Temples and Tombs: Treasures of Egyptian Art" was on exhibit from The British Museum. This exhibit explored four distinct themes: objects from the lives of artists and nobles; the king and the temple; statues of Egyptians from temples and tombs; and the tomb, death and the afterlife. Also on permanent display was the most comprehensive collection of Dale Chihuly glass in the world. Students enjoyed a fine dining experience at the Museum Café.

Attending were, front row from left, Chase Jennings, Jen Wall, Stephanie Gutendorf, Katheryn Robertson, Tosha Deal, Emalee Munn and Elizabeth Elliott. Second row from left, staffer Becky Easterling, Jerry Rojas, Kayla Bertwell, Jessica Fels, Jule Emerson, Danielle Smith, Kara Price, Heather Stinnett, Sirena Adams, Cheyenne Wright, Jenifer Pedigo and Rebecca Moore. Back row from left, Rici Love, Precious Hamilton, Amber Gaede and Jacob Standridge. Not pictured is photographer Susan Webb.

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan 'Donor of the Year'

Phyllis Avanzini

The Chickasaw Foundation would like to ask the contributors who donate to the Foundation to notify them of any address changes. We will need to update your address so that you may receive your year-end tax receipt for 2006.

Ms. Phyllis Avanzini, Chickasaw Nation Youth & Family Services, was selected as the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan's Donor of the Year. Thank you to Ms. Avanzini for her contribution and dedication to help make a difference in the lives of others.

Chickasaw Foundation Christmas Luncheon

The Chickasaw Foundation, Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search staff along with the Board of Trustees enjoyed a Christmas luncheon and gift exchange on December 7t at The Chickasaw Nation Headquarters Building large conference room immediately following their regular bi-monthly meeting.

Chickasaw Herrington to direct Colorado Springs center

Herrington to lead Colorado space studies center

Cmdr. John Herrington

The first U.S. Native American astronaut and an alumnus of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs will lead the university's Center for Space Studies.

John B. Herrington, a member of the Chickasaw Nation who flew aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour in 2002, will direct the Center for Space Studies, one of three centers within the National Institute of Science, Space and Security Studies at UCCS. The Center for Space Studies is responsible for developing future space professionals and takes a lead role in organizing a consortium of universities to offer courses to members of the military and civilians in the aerospace industry.

Herrington is currently vice president and director of flight operations for Oklahoma City-based Rocketplane - Kistler, Inc. He will retain his position with Rocketplane in addition to half-time duties with UCCS. He begins Dec. 4.

"We are honored to have a distinguished university alumnus and one of America's heroes join the university," Peg Bacon, interim vice chancellor, Academic Affairs, said. "With John Herrington's leadership, I believe we will build successful partnerships with the military, with industry, and with other universities, to educate the next generation of space professionals."

Herrington served as U.S. Naval aviator, instructor, and test pilot, achieving the rank of Captain. He joined NASA in 1996 where he served in numerous capacities supporting the space shuttle and space station programs. In Nov. 2002, he served as the flight engineer aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour to the International Space Station. He logged more than 330 hours in space, of which nearly 20 hours were spent performing spacewalks. He left NASA in 2005 to join Rocketplane where he is responsible for the development and flight test of the world's first hybrid space vehicle as well as mission operations for commercial cargo re-supply of the International Space Station.

He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from UCCS in 1983 and a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. He has maintained close ties to the university, inviting former instructors to the launch of the Space Shuttle and returning to campus to address students.

Herrington has served as a television commentator and is active in promoting science and math careers to youth. Visit http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/htmlbios/herringt.html for additional biographic data.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to return to UCCS in an active role to promote space studies," Herrington said. "UCCS was responsible for laying the groundwork for my career and I look forward to returning the favor to the next generation of students."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Directory established for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location information, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

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Amendment chipping away at sovereignty appears dead for now

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole

A bill which could have had negative implications for the sovereignty of Indian nations is unlikely to return to the floor of the House before 2007, according to U.S. Rep. Tom Cole.

"I am very pleased that the Indian Gaming Regulatory Amendment Act, proposed by Chairman Pombo and the Resources Committee, seems to be effectively dead for the 109th Congress," said Rep. Cole (R-Okla.), a Chickasaw who represents Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District. "While this bill had good intentions, I was very concerned that if enacted it would violate tribal sovereignty and erode the rights of Native American tribes granted to them in the Constitution of the United States."

In an interview after the bill failed on a floor vote, Rep. Cole said the bill had a number of problems.

The largest problem was the bill would have required tribes to negotiate with local governments.

He argued at the time that it was philosophically wrong to put local governments on a level playing field with tribal governments.

That is because tribal nations are sovereign entities on a plane with state and foreign governments under the U.S. Constitution, while local governments are merely created by states.

"No tribe has ever been forced to negotiate with a local government to get permission to do a lawful activity," Rep. Cole said. "And once that starts, it will never stop. Every major Native American organization that I'm aware of – including the National Congress of American Indians – took a strong stand against this legislation."

There were extensive discussions between Congressman Cole and Rep. Pombo to make changes in this bill designed, in part, to make changes in off-reservation gaming regulations.

"Chairman Pombo has been a tireless champion for Native Americans throughout his career and I appreciate his efforts to address my concerns with this bill," said Rep. Cole. "While there have been ongoing discussions and some significant compromises, I do not believe the changes sufficiently protected the rights of tribal governments.

"As the only enrolled member of a tribe in Congress, I have a unique responsibility to defend tribal sovereignty. I will continue to work next year to ensure that any effort to regulate tribal gaming will not do so to the detriment tribal sovereignty."

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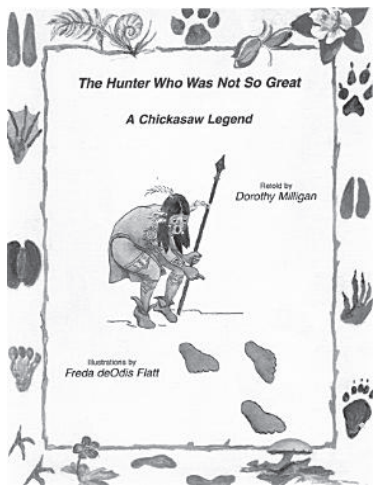

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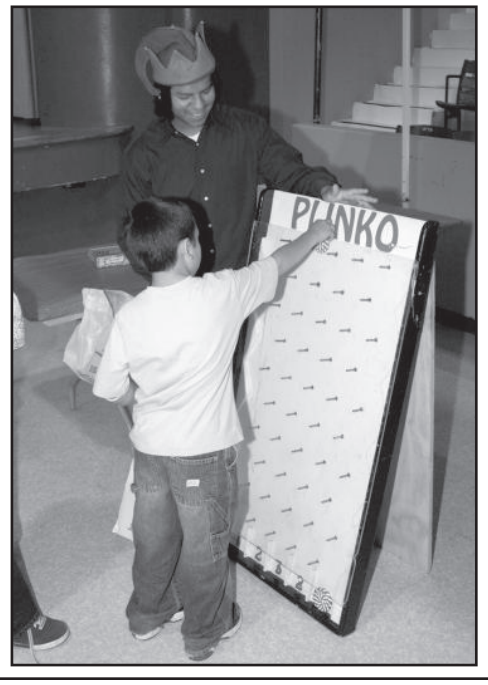

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GR24-004.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR24-004 carried.

General Resolution Number GR24-012, Oil and Gas Lease in Bryan County Tribal Tract No. 378-A

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of R. D. Williams & Company, of Ardmore, Oklahoma who has submitted an acceptable bid of $217.76 per acre for a total bonus of $5,360.39. The Chickasaw Nation shall receive $590.10, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided ½ mineral interest containing 3.31 acres, more or less. The primary term is three years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $4.97, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $1.24 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR24-012.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-012 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number GR24-013, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, containing 159.587 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. This resolution corrects the legal description and replaces General Resolution 23-057.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR24-013.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz,

Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-013 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(C) **EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(D) **HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(E) **HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

Ms. Briggs reported preparation for the restoration of Burney Institute is underway.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James Humes expressed a need for a probate office, he requested for the Legislative Sessions to be changed to Saturday and stated citizens living outside the Nation were not getting adequate services.

Mr. Mike Watson commented on the resolution regarding the bond issue, per capita payments, and the accountability of tribal finances.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to adjourn.

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Note of Thanks

The family of James Kelly Lacy with to thank Celina High School, Arcot Church and everyone who sent flowers and donations to "Operation Smile" and the Clay Co. Library.

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You are still loved dearly and dearly missed. When I hear your favorite songs I think of what we were doing or what was going on at the time. Usually, seeing you play "air" drums, drumming on our legs, talking about music, or personal talk.

You shared with the world a huge smile that lit up your face. Your quiet demeanor, so curious all the time. I miss talking to you, laughing with you, but most of all-I miss growing old with you.

"Rest in Peace:
Love,
Your Aunt Lisa

Randy Timberman

Note of Thanks

Our family would like to take this time to thank everyone who came to our side with love and support after we lost our mom, Jessie M. Lynch.

The flowers, prayers and food were so appreciated. There are not enough words to say, thank you so much to mom's friends, family, and all the people she knew. Mom loved her people. She was proud to be Chickasaw.

Thank you and God bless you all!

Joyce and Rowena Lynch and family

Armedia Dorene (Willis) Thomas

Armedia Dorene (Willis) Thomas, died December 7, 2006. She was born to Art and Elsie Willis Feb. 2, 1938 at Oklahoma City.

She attended Bethany (OK) High School and married Charles Thomas August 18, 1954. Throughout her life she shared her beautiful smile and laughter and her joyful heart with all those around her. She lived her Christian life by example of her loving ways and as a faithful member of Putnam City Baptist Church for over 30 years. The most rewarding and enjoyable career she experienced throughout her lifetime was simply loving and caring for her family and friends. She is survived by her children and their families, Lance and Kim Thomas, Bryce, Lauren Grace and Tristan, of Stillwater, Minn.; Houston and Diana Nutt, Houston III, Hailey, Hanna and Haven, of Fayetteville, Ark; Jim and Kate Malaska, Luke and Tiffany Malaska, Madison and Mason, of Edmond, Okla.; Amber Malaska, of Oklahoma City, and Katy Malaska, of Stillwater, Okla.; a brother Bill Willis and his family of Wellston, Okla.; many loved ones she held dear to her heart including cousins Fred and Tom Capshaw; precious friends Dwain Howard, Dorothy Sparks, Louise Aldridge and Tina Pitts.

She was preceded in death by her parents Art and Elsie Willis of Burbank, Okla.; Aunt Carm Capshaw, of Oklahoma City; and Grandmother Ollie "Gongie" Quillen, of Fairfax, Okla.

As a mother she was a rare jewel who continued to inspire her children throughout her life until she was called to heaven. As a Mima she continued to amaze and encourage her 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren who were each a light in her life and a joy to her heart. As a friend she cherished and was cherished. As a woman of strong Christian faith and principles she was extraordinary.

She was extremely proud of her Native American heritage and was an active member of the Chickasaw Nation. She left all of us her legacy of being a very loving, caring and extremely strong woman. Each of her descendents will proudly continue to achieve her strengths and keep her legacy alive.

Her family would like to thank the many angels here on earth that God provided us in our greatest time of need.

Funeral services were Dec. 11, 2006 at Putnam City Baptist Church. Interment followed at Memorial Park Cemetery, Edmond, Okla.

Betty Karlene Schaefer Lennox

Betty Karlene Schaefer Lennox, 43, died at her home Nov. 30, 2006 at Oklahoma City. She was born July 30, 1963 at Oklahoma City, to Phyllis Lindley Dungey and Horst Karl Schaefer.

She was the granddaughter of Novalene Brown and Earl Dungey; great-granddaughter of original enrollee Odis Ludie Brown and Theresa (T.T.) Luker.

She graduated from Putnam City (OK) High School.

She was employed by Marriott for 14 years and by Williams Sonoma for the past five years.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Lennox, of the home; a son Louis Lennox, of the home; her mother, Phyllis Schaefer; a sister, Lesa Buckley; a niece, Emily Hurley and her son Jacob Hurley; nephews, Daniel, Seth, Benjamin and Nathan Buckley; her dear friend, Kim Bacon; and her mother-in-law, Meg Koerner.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 6 at Mayflower Congregational Church, Oklahoma City, with interment following in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City.

Rev. Charlie Morrow

Rev. Charlie Morrow, 68, of Tama, Iowa, died Oct. 22, 2006 at his home under the care of Iowa River Hospice from pulmonary fibrosis. Funeral services were Oct. 26, 2006 at Living Faith United Methodist Church in Tama with Pastor Jerry Avise-Rouse, officiating. Private family interment will be at a later date.

He was born on February 4, 1938 in Pampa, Texas, to J.B. and Virginia (Tindale) Morrow.

He received a bachelor's associate degree in journalism from Baylor University in 1960 and immediately joined the U.S. Air Force as a commissioned officer. Prior to his retirement in 1980, he attained the grade of major.

While in uniform, he served along the frontier of North America at radar sites and command posts from Alaska, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Iceland. He became operational advisor and staff officer for defensive and tactical use of radar systems and networks. In that capacity he linked land-based and seaborne air defense systems in the Mediterranean and wrote procedures for use throughout the North Atlantic Ocean. As a NATO staff officer he coordinated training and combat readiness of the radar systems of the Mediterranean countries of Italy, Greece, and Turkey. He also negotiated the international agreements that linked the allied air defense networks with those of France and Iran. Though in the U.S. Air Force throughout the Vietnam Era, his uniform was decorated with only a few service medals and no medals for courage or bravery. He did not see combat, and for that he was grateful.

During his assignment to Naples, Italy, he met Bonnie Murphy of Winterset, Iowa, who was a nurse at a nearby Navy hospital. They met in the spring of 1969 and were married in Basel, Switzerland on November 11 of that year.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Charlie received his seminary training through the prescribed Course of Study at St. Paul's School of Theology. He was ordained in the Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church in June 1991. Throughout his ministry he served the Iowa congregations of Winterset UM, Winterset UCC (interim), Peru, Truro, Macksburg, Wesley Chapel, Hebron, Lewis, and Chelsea. He also established Iowa's Ministry of Presence Among the Meskwaki People, and served as its minister for seven years before retiring from active ministry. In that latter capacity he served many regional and national boards, agencies, and task forces concerning United Methodist Indian ministries.

After 20 years of military service and 18 years of ministerial service, Charlie turned to civic service. He was elected as councilman to the City of Tama, and served on many community committees and boards – the STC Food Pantry and the Kid's Corner Day Care among others.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Ladene Purnie (Nelson) Weaver

Ladene Purnie (Nelson) Weaver, 81, of Cheyenne, Wyo., died Nov. 23, 2006.

She was born Nov. 10, 1925 at Wynnewood, Okla., to Purnie Golden (Hucks) Nelson (1902 – 1932) and Sim Nelson (1900 – 1958). Her father was the son of Columbus Nelson (d. 1913) and Mary Susan "Sudie" Byrd (1875 – 1938).

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Cleburn (Pete) Nelson and Marvin (Jack) Edward Nelson; and a sister, Oneta (Neta) Bryant.

She is survived by her daughters, Val and husband, Bernie Lewkowski, and Rose and husband, Al Weston; a son William Weaver and wife Earleen, all of Cheyenne, Wyo.; sisters, Ann E. (Nelson) Saiser and husband, Christian, of Albuquerque, LaHoma (Nelson) McAlister, of Oklahoma City; nephews, Richard Wayne Saiser, and partner, William P. Reust, of Albuquerque, Donald Ray Bryant and wife, Glenda, Sasakwa, Okla., Sonny Nelson and wife, Carol, Jimmy Nelson and wife, Suzy, both of Davis, Okla.; a niece, Sharon Ratliff and husband Jimmy, Amarillo, Texas; sister-in-law, Lajanta Nelson (widow of her brother Cleburn).

James Robert Heck

James Robert Heck died Nov. 13, 2006 at Redding, Calif. He was born Dec. 8, 1947 at Ada, Okla.

He was 3/8 Chickasaw/Choctaw. His great-grandparents were original enrollees.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lucille Heck; and his father J.R. Heck.

He is survived by a daughter, Lori Nalley; two granddaughters, Beverly Harrison and Catherine Wiley; two grandsons, Ronald Wiley and Steven Wiley, all of Redding; a sister, Pearlene Gjertsen, of Fairfield, Calif.; a brother, Stanley Missiontubbi ,of Fremont, Calif.

At his request a service was not conducted.

James Kelly Lacy

James Kelly Lacy, 62, of Celina, Tenn., died Oct. 24, 2006 at Saint Thomas Hospital, Nashville. He was born Sept. 10, 1944 to William (Bill) Ellsworth Lacy and Christine Lacy, Dallas, Texas.

He was the great-great-grandson of Christine "Tina" Harrison.

Mr. Lacy was employed at Kirby Building and a member of the McFerrin Methodist Church (TN).

He is survived by his wife, Emma Lour Lacy, Celina; son, Levi Goss, Martinsville, Ind.; daughter, Misty Loffer, Adams, N.Y.; sisters, Jean Smith, Celina, and Mary Ellen Chambers, of Texas; brothers, Hershel Lacy and Larry Lacy, both of Celina, Raymond Lacy, Knoxville, Tenn.; granddaughter, Tatum Loffer, Adams.

Graveside services were Oct. 28, 2006 at Memorial Park Cemetery, Ada, Okla., with Randy Goodman and Mike Radosevich officiating. Interment followed in Memorial Park Cemetery.